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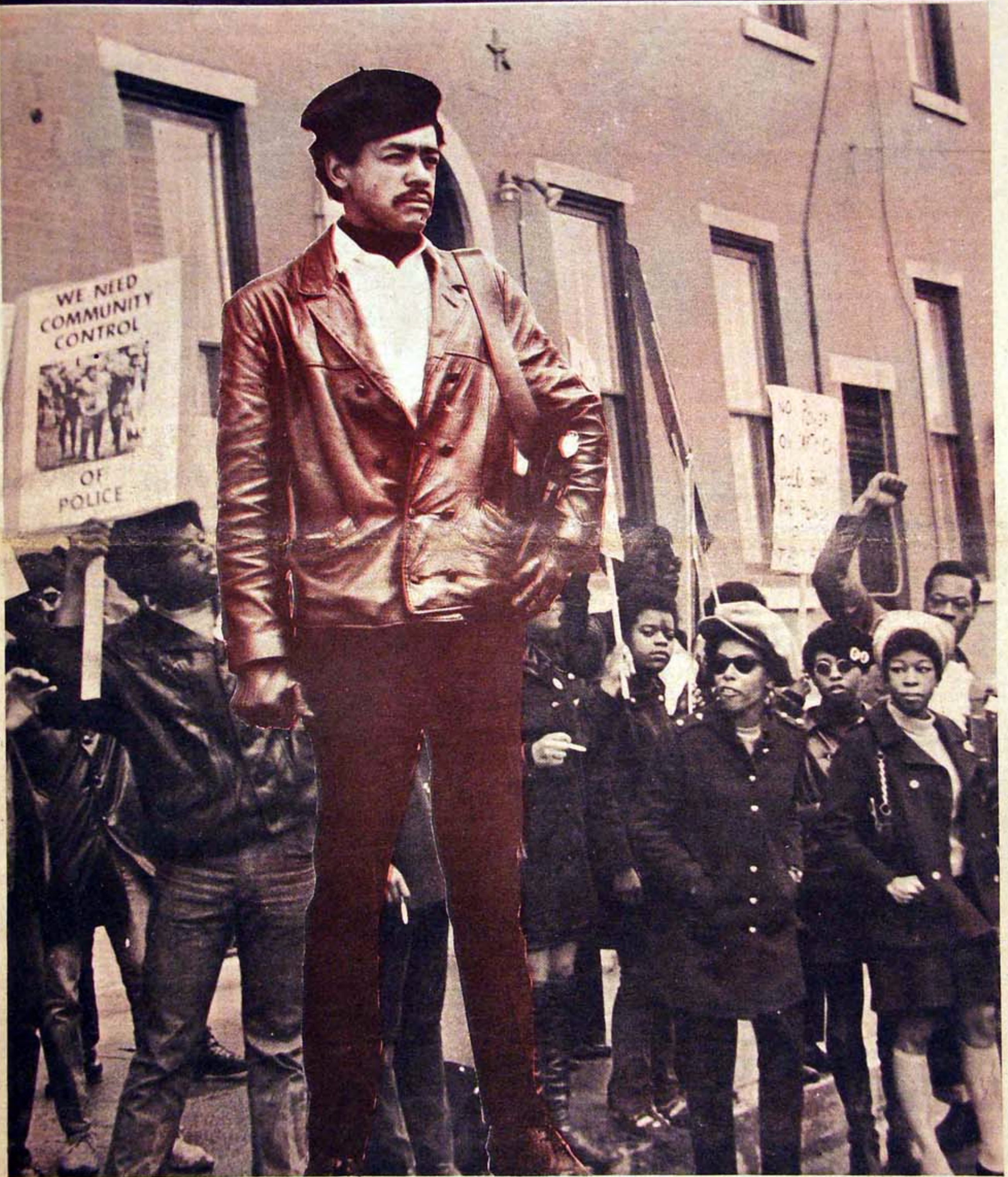
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IF HE'S BOUND UP TIGHT WE'LL HOLD BACK THE NIGHT
AND THERE WON'T BE NO LIGHT FOR DAY'S

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PIGS MANUEVER

On the night of April 2nd, Thursday night, the local gestapo forces of San Francisco, showed openly the training programs that they are now going through in preparation, for the completion of the National conspiracy to wipe out the ranks of the Vanguard Party. The pigs had our office at 1336 Fillmore surrounded with patrol cars and fire trucks, also with an estimated 10 to 13 man foot patrols. The pigs stood directly in front of our office pointing at our door and roof.

When the Panthers inside of our office saw what was taking place, they started calling the other Community Centers and houses. After a while, the pigs cut off the phones so we would be unable to communicate. These operations lasted for some two hours (from approximately 4-6 a.m.). We are very well aware of what the pigs' intentions are. The point of the pigs going through these maneuvers is to show and intimidate the people away from thinking that they can be beat or driven from our communities. Before our office in L.A. was attacked, for several weeks the pigs ran maneuvers around the office. We know that because we are working even harder now than the last time our office was attacked almost one year ago on April 28, 1969, that this has forced the pigs to make ready for another battle with us--this time to wipe us out. But our effort for survival has made us develop skills that will enable each one of us to be a match for 100 enemy troops. We know that the only reason for patrolling the streets in such large numbers is to try to intimidate the people, to make us think of them as 'supermen'.

Historically the use of foot patrols is the sign of the coming of the sealing of the ghetto and making it into the concentration camp.

In accordance with the German fascists, which the pig of America have well exceeded in their fascist acts, they are starting to commit acts of sabotage and making it look like the acts of the revolutionary forces. We should look at these acts very closely and see if they are revolutionary or reactionary. Only gangsters under the influence of pigs like Alioto would set fires where there is a chance of little babies asleep--being burned up; No true revolutionary would attack the symbols of fascism instead of the true fascists like Alioto and his bedmate, 'Big Red (Richard Youle)' a member of the tac squad who has been running throughout the streets of the Black community killing and beating people everyday. All these deceiving acts are done to set the stage for the pigs to legitimize the planned genocide on Black people in general and the Black Panther Party in particular. The most profound example the pigs plan on setting in the history of Black people's fight for liberation is killing our Chairman, Bobby Seale, in the electric chair. But we have news for you. Before we stand by and let you kill Bobby we will cut out all the electricity in Babylon. And we will destroy any obstacle that stands in our way so that means that if you are not fighting also then you are in the way--you are either a pig feeder or a pig killer. We bear in mind that if we lose one man in wiping out 100 enemy troops, this is no victory for us, because the life of each guerrilla is much more precious than 1000 enemy troops since he has been seasoned in the guerrilla struggle for many years and prepared politically for years and prepared politically and militarily. So our fight to free Bobby will not be in vain.

COUNTER ATTACK

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Van & Marsha

FOUR PIGS WERE OFFED THIS WEEK... A VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE

Four pigs were offed this past week... a victory for the people, a tactical example--moves of oppressed people for their ultimate attainment of liberation. It would be a great event if we could attribute this act to some brother who righteously got down and went out to deal with the oppressor's troops in he community, this however, is not the

rebellion where Niggers ruled the streets for days; the pigs further say that they suffered very few casualties in the midst of the sniper fire in Detroit. In very altercation between pigs and the people, the pigs have always maintained that they held the upper-hand or control of the situation throughout the 'disturbance.'



JAMES PENCE JR.



WALTER FRAGO



ROGER GORE



GEORGE ALLEYNE

case. These four pigs were killed by two men trying to escape capture for another crime they had supposedly already committed; their reasoning was not to deal with the oppressor or the symbols of his 'presence' - it was a matter of survival. When I say survival, I'm not relating to the survival of a race or group of people as is the concern of revolutionaries, but I am referring in this case to individual survival.

What then is the reason for even dealing with the deaths of these four pigs since it cannot be labeled 'revolutionary' or as having been done in the 'service of the people'...the reason is simple enough. The deaths of these four pigs and especially their dying in this manner should point out the fallacy of the 'superman' image of the pigs and the plausibility of dealing with them in such a manner in the interest of the masses and the liberation of the oppressed people of Babylon.

The pigs have always tried to maintain an image of being 'indestructable.' In the past whenever there were shoot-outs or confrontations between the pigs and the people, there was never any pig killed, one never died even in the face of such over-whelming evidence that no one could have lived. The pigs have lived through the Watts

There are brothers and sisters who have been involved in these so-called "disturbances", and they can testify that in many cases it would have been impossible for the pigs to have come out with so few casualties and/or deaths. This whole myth of indestructibility has been perpetuated to make the pigs look unbeatable, to discourage the people from righteously dealing with these scurvy punks as the snakes and cowards that they are. This superman image has been maintained at all costs but the image is slipping; as the people prepare to deal with their enemies, the 'supermen in blue' seem to be losing their ability to soar through the air.

There are four dead pigs, killed by two men with guns...the pigs can and will die but not from a wish and a pray. Relate to pigs as men, less than men, rather as foul perverts, and see that they can be dealt with. Pigs are only flesh and bone, and they will bleed: they will die. When the hour of reckoning comes, as you move into the streets to fight for your survival, remember the lesson taught by this one simple sentence...FOUR PIGS DEAD!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
TAKE THE STRUGGLE TO THE
STREETS

Judi Douglas

EYEWITNESS NEWS

The April 4th march in support of the N.Y. Panther 21, brought forth a number of things --- a number of people, a number of speakers and newsmen, but most obvious and out of place were the number of armed troops itching for battle. They were everywhere --- On the highways, streets and sidewalks. On foot, horse and rooftop. In patrol cars, alleys and sewars. Hundreds of heavily armed and helmeted pigs stood in gleeful anticipation. They knew that before the day's end, the opportunity to use their clubs and gun

butts to bludgeon some one half to death would prevail.

Thousands of men, women and children had marched several miles to rally around the Panther 21 and demand their release. There were thousands, but they were orderly. They were tired and hungry, but attentive and patient, the protest was loud but peaceful. In fact all was peaceful until the rally's end. As the marchers moved towards the subway, several groups of some ten to thirty pigs began to form. The hour had arrived. The signal was given.

As if on cue, bands of pigs began moving in the direction of departing demonstrators; shoving, pushing and oinking their way through the crowds of people enroute to the subway. Their conduct was appalling to many who'd never witnessed a pig in motion, but to the most of us their actions were both normal and expected.

The beasts began agitating, harassing and brutalizing the people in the name of 'law and order'. Innocent bystanders were pulverized for being in clubs reach. A peaceful march in support of

all political prisoners, was turned into a club swinging orgy by a depraved group once known as policemen, now realistically referred to as pig. For the people are watching and feeling every blow inflicted upon the heads and bodys of anyone who verbally or physically attacks the amerikkkan system of justice.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Iris Moore

THE NIGHT RIDERS ATTACK BLACK BROTHER



Albert Rash



Brinkley Evans



Lester Milby



Thomas Lyons

something...so the pants won't...you know, to fill it up. And we didn't receive his eye-glasses back. Out of his personal effects, we only received his wallet, four quarters, (which I can't say how much money he really had on him), and four identification cards and a Miraculous Medal which he wore around his neck. But he wore gold-rimmed glasses...you know, the Bill Cosby fashion. We didn't even receive those and I didn't even expect to get the clothes back until after this investigation. But then I understand that the coat that the cops have is not the coat that he left home with. It was stated that he has a pea type jacket. He left home wearing a full length black cashmere, and I bought that for him and I have proof. I can get proof that I bought the coat. He never owned a pea type jacket so I can't understand how this come about. I don't know about the other clothing. I don't know what kind of clothing they have otherwise.

REG: When we came up, we noticed that this thing at the door that said Cardinal Dougherty. Is that the school that he went to.

BROWN: Yeah, he attended Cardinal Dougherty up until he started Germantown in September. We took him out of Catholic school because of the rising costs and we had two boys in there too and with the baby coming along. But he went to Cardinal Dougherty. He was fourth trumpet in the band and the lowest mark he got in conduct, I have his report card I could show you, was 85 and the only thing he ever had to bring it down like that was if you were late to school and had a detention, they took marks off of that and if your tie wasn't correctly pulled up they took off for that. And that was the extent of his punishment. We never had any trouble with him, conduct wise, at all, he was exceptionally quiet.

REG: Well in other words you're saying that he wouldn't be the type of person that would throw an 8-inch (Right! Mrs. Brown) knife at an officer with a .357 magnum on his hip.

BROWN: Because it would be foolish for someone to be shooting at you and you go and turn around and throw a knife at someone with a gun! You're gonna keep running if you got an opportunity to run. Which I don't believe he had the opportunity to run from someone. And then with the amount of drinks coroner stated. You jump out - run and you still got your recollections? That's a lot of unanswered questions.

REG: Well, do you have any faith in the police, really bringing these policemen to justice?

BROWN: Well, I'll say this. I have the faith in the D.A.'s office.

REG: Do you think that Spector will prosecute those police officers to the full extent of the law?

BROWN: Well, (pause) I hope so and I feel that he will. Presented with the right evidence he will.

REG: Well, I just want to ask this. It's a hypothetical question, if the D.A.'s office don't come up with the type of verdict that the people's so consciously aware that's needed to be brought about and that's first degree murder - would you be willing to deal in what we call the People's court where we can present the facts to the people in the street, the people in the community, and that the people can determine the innocence or the guilt of these police officers and would you support their verdict that the community turns back?

BROWN: Do you mean, in other words, the witnesses or the people who...are you speaking about witnesses?

REG: Right, we're speaking about facts.

BROWN: Oh, of course, the facts, yes. Definitely... If it has to go as far as it can, as far as it can go, to a high court and in order to get the truth because I'm really not pleased at the idea that they not only after his death, just make him seem as if he were a hood - that was number one. Next, if you have a knife, in other words say he's violent.

REG: Mrs. Brown, since this incident has the D.A.'s office contacted you and told you that the police officers were no longer working on the force? Were they suspended or do you have any kind of knowledge that they're still on the force or not?

BROWN: No, the D.A.'s office did not state that they were suspended, but so far in the papers, that they were not. But the D.A.'s did not have any knowledge of that because I met with him on Thursday to give them information and what they wanted and far as we know, they're still on the payroll.

REG: and the D.A.'s office is conducting this investigation with them still patrolling the streets?

BROWN: Well, I don't know if they're still patrolling the streets but they're conducting an investigation now. I understand that its customary to pull them off the street and put them in office duties while there's an investigation. Now, I don't know how long that goes I don't know but then it was also stated by different persons, I don't know if its true or not, that when an officer's involved in anything that's not cleared up immediately, he's automatically suspended, especially in a case of murder. I believe that if he shot him once in the leg, that he wouldn't have attempted to run unless he made a statement "Nigger run. I'm gonna kill you anyway." So what, what do you have to lose? Now, that's the only way or reason that I would believe that he would have ran because I don't believe he would have.

REG: And you did state that the coroner said that your son was shot in the leg from the front...

BROWN: From the front! Seven inches below the knee!

REG: In other words, the police officer's saying that after he shot him in the front that your son turned around and ran...

BROWN: And lunged at him and threw a knife. Yes, and he shot him. But, this I can't see. This doesn't even make sense, does it?

REG: No, it doesn't.

REG: Would you restate what the lady said when your son was laying on the ground?

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WE WILL NOT ALLOW OUR CHAIRMAN TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

The ultimate in the ascending tide of fascism is the murder of the politically opposite forces.

The Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell regime has planned to murder Chairman Bobby Seale in the electric chair. This preplanned murder is an overt attempt of genocide against Black communities. We will not sit by and let these racists make public sacrifices of our leaders. These fascists are making an example of Bobby Seale because of his political beliefs. This sacrifice is to serve as an example to all who voice opposition toward this racist government.

There have been 28 Party members murdered since the Party was formed, 3 years ago. These systematic attacks upon Party members add to the death of over 50 thousand Black people in America. Black people are in the strategic position here in this country to deliver a political consequence, a political consequence that would be destructive to the racist capitalist class, Huey P. Newton said the slavery of Blacks in this country provides the oil for the machinery of war that America uses to enslave the people's of the world. Without this oil the machinery cannot function. We are the driving shaft. Black people can destroy the machinery that's enslaving the world. America cannot stand to fight every country of color in the world and fight a civil war at the same time. The Black Panther Party teaches

that society is divided into classes, but we will not take class to the point where it would be suicidal for Black people. We are drawing closer lines of demarcation as to who our real friends are. Those White people who call themselves our friends will be tested by their social practice. Those Whites who wish to carry on a class struggle with us will have to start making commitments, commitments to the destruction of this decadent system. These fascists have instituted more repressive measures to separate the Black Panther Party from the masses. In the Black Panther Party we have been forced to intensify the struggle for our survival and the survival of Black people. Those Whites who wish to continue in carrying on the struggle on a class level must also move to a higher level to secure the dignity of the oppressed people. When our leaders are assassinated or incarcerated, those Whites who want to become revolutionaries must take to the streets the same as Black and oppressed peoples to oppose this overt aggression, because if we allow our Chairman to go to the electric chair the pattern will be set for the execution of other persons whose political beliefs are contrary to the capitalist class.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
OF
SEIZE THE TIME!

Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party

REGGIE: Could you state the policeman's names who was the one identified as the one who did the actual killing?

MRS. BROWN: Evans, you want his full name?

REGGIE: Could you repeat those names of the officers that did the actual killing?

MRS. BROWN: Brinkley Evans.

REGGIE: Who was the other officer with him?

BROWN: Thomas Lyons.

REG: Could you tell me how many times your son was shot and how badly he was beaten?

BROWN: Well I can only tell you, it was stated that he was shot twice but it was told that the undertaker stated that there were two more unexplained cuts on his body. So we don't know whether he was shot four times or not. And that's what we're waiting for the coroners report. He says twice, but on the first statements was given that he was shot in the leg while running. But then the coroners reported that he was shot seven inches below the knee from the front. The boy that was driving the car stated that if he ran (he jumped out of the car and ran). he said that Harold got out of the car with his hands up raised, and he looked back and he said he was standing with his hands up and he kept running. He said he heard a shot, he turned around and saw Harold on the ground. The he said he ran, and kept running. It was also stated that the lady across the street at 128, Miss Thomas, told us that when she got to the window she saw Harold trying to run up the street with a slight limp like something was wrong with his leg. She said that there was another shot and at this time he fell. It wheeled him around, he grabbed the back of his leg, and he was coming up on his elbow and knee when the policeman took aim and shot him in the chest. Now that's the statement that we got.

The distance from the accident and the distance from where he was shot is too short a distance to run, pull a knife, turn around and lunge. Because it's within two car lengths - they showed us. So a lot of them probably think that we aren't doing anything, but that's not true. I was just waiting for a report. I have a letter from the Commissioner for 2 weeks stating that have a report ready shortly after I sent him a certified special delivery letter asking for a report on the case in detail and he said that I would hear from Inspector Golden shortly. The next day I received a telephone call from a Lt. Matthews telling me that the report was not in complete, but that they should have something within two weeks and I would hear something from them.

That Sunday, the Inquirer brought that statement from Rizzo. Now this was on a Thursday that I was speaking to Lt. that they wouldn't have anything for two weeks. Two weeks was up Thursday past, I haven't received any word and yet he keeps making statements to the newspaper, but he hasn't even given us the courtesy of anything. Cause they didn't even come out and notify us that he was even shot or dead. The hospital called, you know that already. So there's a lot of unexplained things about it, we didn't even know that his nose was broken.

REG: His nose was broken?

BROWN: His nose was broken. That's the Coroner's report. His nose was broken. We do know that he had at least a 3 inch gash on his head. The undertaker said that the impression looked like either the butt of a gun or a blackjack. The wound is unexplained and he might have received it in the car accident, which I can't see how that can be possible if the boy in the front seat didn't get any kind of injury, how's someone in the back seat gonna get a broken nose and gash over the forehead, plus bruises. His face was bruised so bad that the undertaker had to darken his complexion to try to hide the bruises and you still could see it. He had a cut on his lip and the flesh was blown away so badly on his leg that they had to make a cardboard...

STATE PIG STY RUNS AMUCK

All Power to the People!

On so called "Correctional Centers. When we truly examine this bare-faced lie, we see in Connecticut how the pigs of this decadent capitalist racist society have attempted to impose this sick fascist-racist fantasy upon the people in order to further manipulate and distort their minds and continue to insult their intelligence. The term 'correctional center' is nothing but a slick and cheap capitalist psychological trick. Some pigs idea of a perverted sick joke in an attempt to cover up an old putrid and festering sore with a new dressing. Beneath the scab of this illusion remains the same old unchanged stinking and repressive pig sty-jails. And happily swimming in the midst of all this, as a pig in slop will do, is the chief pig administrator and master overseer, lying Ellis P. (Ig) McDougal, a hypertensive, cold blooded and vicious fascist faggot, who holds a contemptuous disregard for the human dignity and rights of inmates, especially those who refuse to submit to the daily degradation and terror tactics of his feeble minded pig pen wardens and their mickey mouse fascist goons. (Like we know what those low lived slimy goons did to our Sisters Rose Smith, Ericka Huggins, Margaret 'Peggy' Hootkins and Frances Carter when they refused to become dehumanized and act like mindless, wandering robot idiots,) he is a truly representative product of how greed drives some fools insane.

Wallowing in the mud and manure beneath the slimy hoofs of this fascist racist pig lackey McDougal come the most foul, degenerate and criminally sadistic perverted pigs in the whole pig sty, the wardens and the guards-goons at the bottom of this slime pit.

The wardens are an outrageous example of what happens when a pig is allowed to have absolute unrestricted power in a pig pen.

America's pig pens are the perfect play pens for these grotesque freaks of fascism. They are a special breed of pig. They enjoy exercising the power of life and death over inmates. They know that as long as a capitalist-racist America exists there will always be an abundance of human male flesh, bodies, and minds-toys to be played with in their administrative sick games.

A gross and naked example of this type of fascist-racist pig is puke pig warden Conway of the Bridgeport Detention pig pen.

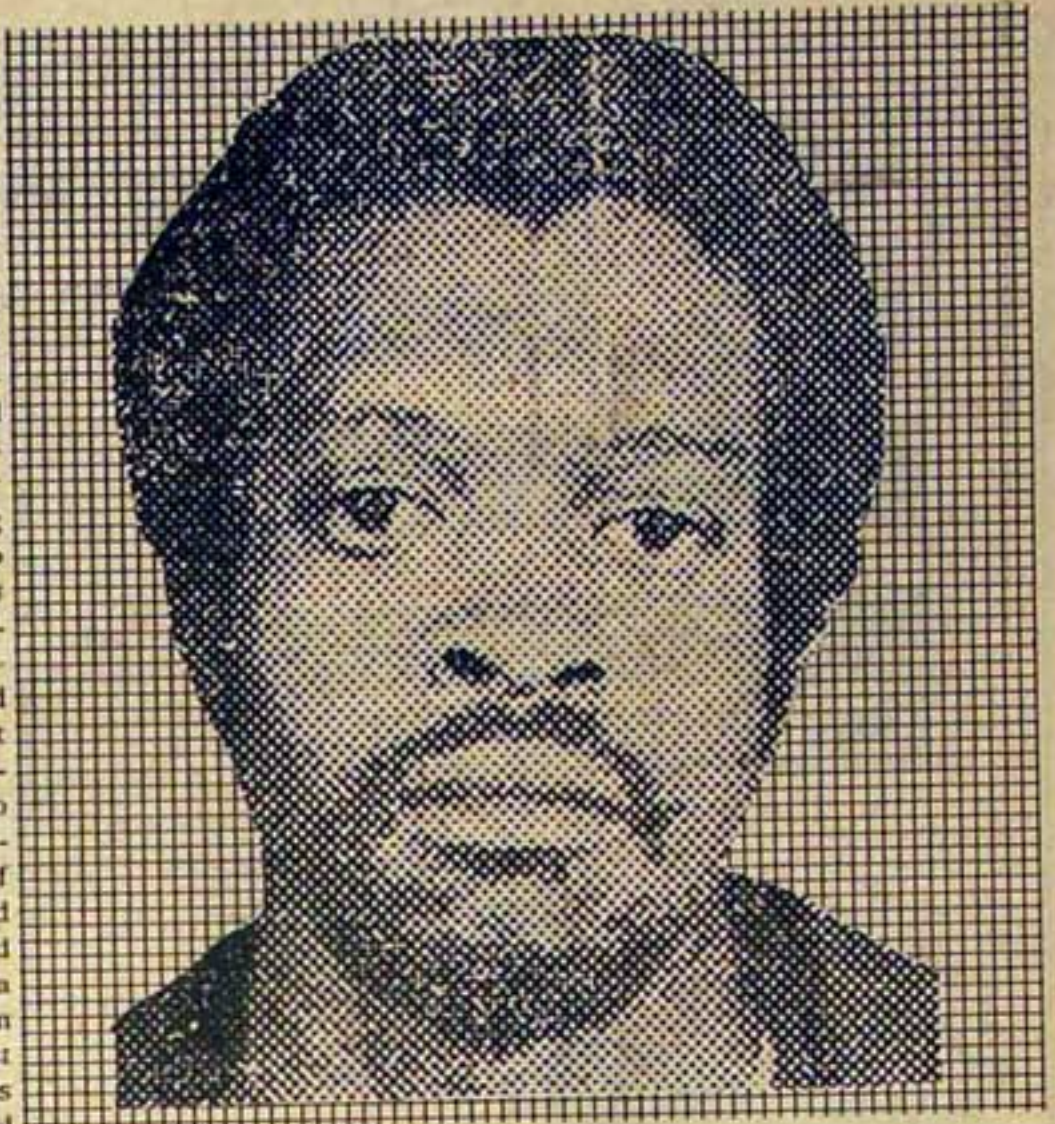
Puke pig Conway is a flashy dressing sissy who spends most of his time between overseeing us and insuring our continued misery here

and ghoulishly drooling over the dead bodies in his Bridgeport funeral home. Here is a capitalist geek-freak who gorges himself (capitalizes) on all the more gruesome elements of this decadent capitalist society. I remember during the month of July 1969 an inmate who was pathetically seized lieu of bond became pathetically seized with an epileptic spasm in the mess hall and was helplessly rolling on the floor. The inmates, seeing him thrash about so violently, did what they could to insure he didn't hurt himself on anything in the mess hall. They held a spoon in his mouth to relieve him from swallowing his tongue. The robot-minded guards stood as though they were helpless to act in helping the sick inmate. They ran and covered all the exits from the mess hall, obviously reacting to what they thought (?) was a diversionary tactic for a mass escape. Standing frozen in their paranoia and just-inking, they refused to call for an ambulance or medical assistance when it was obvious to everyone that the inmate was having extreme difficulty in breathing. They very anxiously rushed everyone through the slop that was being served and herded everyone back into the cages. Later on that night it was learned on the grapevine that the inmate had died while being handcuffed to the bed in the infirmary while having another seizure. The inhuman pigs who refused to call in medical attention permitted and caused this poor man to die through sheer criminal negligence. Even though this man had never gone to trial and was never proven to be guilty of any crime except the American crime of being too poor to get himself released on absurdly high bond he was killed at the bloody hands of the fascist goons of the State of Connecticut as surely as if he had been tried, found guilty and sentenced to die in the electric chair for a capital crime. In the immediately following moments of confusion the simple minded inhuman robot pigs guards were running over each other oinking about how to put a creditable lie together as to how the man died.

During this time, in slides old slimy puke pig warden, a past master of how to fix up the perfect lie concerning the facts surrounding how the avoidable death would be made to look totally natural. This ghoul and slobbering vulture having "fixed" so many deaths was right in his moment of glory. After intimidating and cooing his muddle headed subordinate pigs, they fixed up the death report to read DEATH DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE HEART ATTACK. With embalming fluid reeking from

his pores and a smug capitalist smirk on his pig jowls, puke pig warden Conway swished his way out of the jail, satisfied that another needless death had been smoothly covered up by the foul scheming of his ghoulish pig brain. The inmates were outraged at such an open display of contempt and a total disregard for a valuable human life that could have been saved by a simple phone call to an ambulance or emergency service that would have had an oxygen breathing unit into the jail in (5) five to (10) ten minutes. The word was finally agreed upon and passed around that instead of doing something rash and irrational it would be more dignified to hold a silent sit down in solemn tribute to protest the needless death and to insure against another likable "incident" and to present a list of grievances against primitive and inadequate medical treatment and unsanitary health conditions and a number of other just and human demands. Next day after breakfast in the mess hall all the inmates remained in their seats quietly and requested the presence of the warden to present a list of grievances and requests for more humane treatment, facilities and living conditions. I was not present in the mess hall because I was not allowed to go to the mess hall. I was being kept on feedback (food brought to the cage) in maximum security as a high risk security case or some such jive. From breakfast until approximately 11:00 a.m. none of the inmates had return to the cage. At 11:05 a.m. two of faggot Conway's red pig-faced goons came to the cage and said that the warden wanted everyone in the mess hall for an announcement. I went with these clod headed creeps to the mess hall where I sat among the other inmates who were sitting, talking, and smoking very quietly and orderly. After what seemed like an hour, in pranced the foul mouth prissy ass chief pig, Warden Conway followed closely by the jail-house doctor (straight out of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde) two or three rearward pigs and a body of about five inmates. After assembling this parade on the stage, the poor duped inmate spokesman said that the warden had told them (the inmates) that he would not meet with a noisy and unruly mob. Instead he told them to pick a committee of five from among themselves, draw up a list of demands (oops) grievances and that after conferring and arbitrating with the committee they would all meet back in the mess hall and disclose the results to the inmate population. After the five inmate committee reread the list of grievances to us then the conniving and sniveling dog, Warden Conway introduced the doctor, sympathized with the issue, told a sack of lies about better future conditions, medical treatment and so forth. He was lying so rapidly that the spit was dribbling from both corners of his mouth and his pig eyes had that Hitler look so much so that he became almost incoherent. At the end of all this long handle-fed lie, he told us that was all and to quietly go back to our cells and that things would change. I can truthfully say that it was the first and last time that slinky jackal ever told us the truth. As we all filed out of the mess hall (for the last time) grumbling discontentedly, we walked through a gauntlet of jailhouse pig goons decked out to the jowls in riot gear helmets, small bats and mace. When we were safely back into our cells it was apparent that this was just another case of the pig power structure of another pig pen jail atrociously attempting to cover over the stench of its inner workings.

No sooner had all the rapping died down when the noise of barking and snarling dogs were heard and into view came the warden and a crew of dog-handling pigs with many flea bitten police dogs, and pig pen



GEORGE EDWARDS, POLITICAL PRISONER

jail-house, wild-eyed pigs in battle gear. They opened the door to the cage and rushed in madly. Babbled, screaming, yelling, foaming at the mouth, and swinging their clubs, knocking on the walls, bars, and cell doors, shouting for everyone to get into their individual four by ten cells. At the top of all this bedlam strutted the now completely mad pig, warden Conway, screaming as only a hysterical faggot can do. Everyone ducked into their cells and closed the doors. Just as fast as I closed mine, the door was jerked open by the first wave of pigs. Before I could react to defend myself, this natless fascist coward swung his club and caught me on my wild pipe so hard I fell across the cot, clutching my throat. I began kicking at him as he beat me legs and feet. I got in at least three or four good kicks on his knees and hands before there was a traffic jam at the door with all the other pigs trying to get in on the action which this trapped pig was trying to get out of. Some other pig ordered them all back from the door and as they fell back this foul perverted pig who had a dog, played out the leash so the dog came snarling and trying to tear at me. Jumping up and down screaming "All right gentlemen, the party is over. You've had your turn now, its my turn; now its my picnic." After thoroughly "scaring" me, they slammed and locked my cell door with a pad lock. The now completely psychopathic swine herded marched off triumphantly with their fellow beast-the-dogs-to each and every other cell door until they were satisfied everyone of us had been thoroughly terrified. Then, each door was padlocked. Out of the cage they marched, the psychotic babylonian leading the pack to go and repeat their performances for the benefit of the other inmates in the other cages. After an hour or so, the general physical terror began to wear off while the psychological terror hung over the entire repressive pig pen like a funeral pall. Like the aftermath of some unholy fiendish ghoulish ritual. After keeping us locked up in our cells for three and a half hours and our bladders seemed like they were going to burst, the lowly swine came in as a cowardly group and let us out one at a time to go and relieve ourselves. Then came the change. And what a change. If we thought this fascist pig pen was bad before, it wasn't half as bad as what the change brought about. The next day that foul punk fascist swine, warden Conway, had it in the newspapers and television media that the inmates had staged a violent riot and as a result he was forced to call in emergency riot control forces - city

pigs, State prison guard pigs, State trooper shot gun pigs and even a racist civilian vigilante group of pigs. On top of all this came the shocking news that the riot had been instigated by five inmate leaders (yes, the same poor duped inmates who he told the inmate body to select) who were taken out and arrested, booked, and charged with inciting to riot and placed under (\$5,000) five thousand dollars bail each. And that's not all. 1. There would be no more going to the mess hall to eat for any men being held awaiting trial. 2. No more recreation. 3. No more insubordination to the guards. 4. Each man to stand up by his cell door and answer to his name and cell number four times a day (12:30, 4:30p.m. 8:30p.m. 11:30) 5. A continuation of fifteen minutes visiting time twice a week. 6. One three minute phone call a week (later reduced to none at all) And this is the result a few unjustly held people, unable to post outrageous bonds, who acted out of the dignity and concern over the criminal and irresponsible death of a human being at the hands of fascist boobs in the correctional center in Bridgeport Conn., United States of America. Fascist Pig Warden Conway, and his gang of criminal gorilla thugs continue to oink in the faces of the people behind bars. But he will enjoy no victory over any of the oppressed people for he has been exposed for what he and all his fascist bed mates really are - a true example of what this Imperialist capitalist fascist racist swine-pen, of the United States of America represents. A power mad monopoly who have degenerated into a mob of slimy ghouls lowly swine, greedy vultures, low and mean rats and hand dog jackals who shall no longer continue to victimize and suck the blood of the poor and oppressed and powerless Blacks and Whites and Puerto Rican and Chicano and oriental peoples and any and all oppressed minorities. Revolution will come because revolution is necessary.

"You can jail a revolutionary but you can't jail a revolution."

All Power to the People. Seize the Time. Free all political prisoners. Open the jails and let the mad men out.

George Edwards
Political Prisoner
Bridgeport, Conn.

THE NEW PLOT: N.Y. 21

Press Release
March 30, 1970

The pig power structure's 'Law arm', the racist courts have hatched a new plot to go along with its train of frame-ups and murders. Thirteen Black Panthers stand accused of destroying the people that have been and are dying to protect. Originally there were 21 people on the indictment, but the pigs have chopped this number up in their efforts to divide and thereby weaken us.

We have had our rights trampled on in the past and now the pigs are trying to do it again. The latest plan by devilish assassin Hogan and 'Justice' Murtaugh (the puppets of this White racist government), was hatched by telling us that there will be no more court until we sign a statement--a death warrant--saying we will be quiet in court. But how can we be quiet when pigs are constantly oinking in our faces about some justice that never existed? The only way we can get a fair trial is if the people give it to us, and this can only happen if the people are educated through our actions. The pigs are looking for a quiet hanging and we will have no part of it.

We didn't sign the statement because we knew we were right. We knew that when Murtaugh started making that noise about the American system of justice, the people would see that there are two systems of justice--one White and one Black. We knew that they would check out Dred Scott, the Black codes, the fugitive slave laws, the McCarran Act and see that there is only an American system of

justice for Black people. So Murtaugh put his foot in his mouth and now he wants to back down--he HAS to back down. But to do this he must cool out his idea of the unconstitutional indefinite recess which is now being challenged before Layhe in Queens. He has to make the people think that he wants the Panther 21 to have a fair trial.

He is going to:

1) Continue to demand a written statement, but the words will be hooked up so as to make the people believe he doesn't want us to do anything but only wants a speedy trial. (All we've been saying for a year is that we want a fair and speedy trial without any violations of our constitutional rights)

2) He is going to try and force us to trial by inferring that we waive our constitutional rights by refusing to go to trial. (This would push Hogan into making a motion for a continuance of

trial).

If we made noise during the kangaroo proceedings, they would drop the fixed statement on us, hold us in contempt and try us on the 12th floor while our lawyers, the judge, the jury, and the people are on the thirteenth floor. But we say as our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver said, "We will obtain our liberation by any means necessary---and we don't mean boot-licking". Right On! If the fascist pigs can't relate to that then he should stick his head back into the toilet bowl of this system! Later for some racist pigs and their statements.

Dharuba, N.Y. Panther 21
Harlem Branch
Black Panther Party
Harlem, New York

-OF JUDGES AND GAGS



Gloria Abernathy

For putting the American Theory of "Law & Order" into practice...
For having the desire to put Justice Taney's theory into practice (THAT A BLACK MAN HAS NO RIGHTS THAT A WHITE MAN IS BOUND TO RESPECT)

For honoring trials of Black people by all White juries...

For honoring the "Honorable" Julius Hoffman...

I, "Justice" Hugo L. Black, justify all acts of aggression against the New York 21 by you "Justice" Murtagh.

TO THE REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS THROUGHOUT BABYLON

This article is directed to our sideline spectators, in addition to the spineless House of Un-American Activities Committee, the Federal Bureau of Intimidation, the Civil Disobedience Squad of Sissies, or any other name for the Secret Police. It's directed to our armchair revolutionaries---the bodiless brains behind the revolution. The dudes who quote Mao for days, knows Mao's mom's name, Lin Piao's daddy's name, knows when Mao defecates, but ain't doing a thing about the madness going down upon our people here in 1970. He was listening to the radio around the country and around the world, when 11 nameless niggers held off 500 racist murdering pigs in Los Angeles, December 8th, 1969. This is directed to the fools who possess a blending of fear and foolishness, enough of this to say that the Black revolutionary organization must begin in an underground fashion, you know, like whispering through alleys, and creeping under floorboards, and getting post office boxes, so that nobody would know where you are. To understand the reasons for this, one must first

understand that the reasons for these people to say these things is a deep rooted fear, and no revolutionary can succeed if he lets fear govern him, and control him. He has long forgotten the words of Brother Malcolm, "What odds? We don't care about odds!"

This was Brother Malcolm, Al Hajj Malik El Shabazz, the highest manifestation of Black manhood ever to stalk Babylon, whose death produced the Huey Newton's the Bobby Seale's the Eldridge Cleaver's, the Jake Winters', the Fred Hampton's---the 'field niggers'.

Malcolm told you that you were afraid to bleed, and that revolution is bloody. You can agree to that as long as it isn't your blood. Who, in the eyes of the eye of the hardest struggle ever to be waged, here in the 'Belly of the Monster', view revolution as a far-off maybe, a 'I hope not, or a 'wait 'til I get my thing together' bag.

To us, revolution is a glorious term, it is the only solution to the multitude of pain and problems which the oppressive present social order has enslaved us with. The field niggers, the masses,

throughout this decadent dungeon are now moving on all levels to get this stuff together...we do not have much time. The resistance of the righteous people has risen to such a level that the administration is making no bones about it's overt evil actions. Why? Why should they hide it? The circus 'trial' of Huey P. Newton (the fornication of the U.S. Constitution, following the rape in the case of Dred Scott, by Justice Taney, and the whoredom committed by and between all the judges throughout racist America, in the name of 'justice') has set the standard --- NO JUSTICE FOR NIGGERS.

To the would-be revolutionaries, we offer the following information---to lay and wait another Fred Hampton, or another L.A. 18, or to allow Chairman Bobby to burn in the electric chair, is to strut happily to the gas ovens, and the ditches, which the malevolent slavemaster has provided for us. THIS WE WILL NEVER DO. We must move to become as a people---a MATCH FOR A HUNDRED!

Mumia

Commenting on why the American public was so confused, the Rage said that "things have been turned inside out. The American people have been the victims of a peek-a-boo game and things are not where we were told they were supposed to be." The pigs tell us that we have freedom of speech, yet the Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, David Hilliard, is indicted for threatening the life of President Tricky Dick because he used the rhetoric of the field nigger. Bobby Seale and the brothers and sisters of the N.Y. 21 gave us some freedom of the press, members of our Ministry of Information Staff are investigated at grand jury hearings, the Black Panther Newspaper itself along with the brothers and sisters who sell them are continually ripped off by the pigs.

The courts have always been held up as the hallmark of justice and equality for Black people. In order to keep the people doped, the Supreme Court hands down some liberal sounding decisions concerning segregation, civil rights and so forth. This is done to try to make the system look good but they're never implemented. Meanwhile, the fascist pigs of the power structure have already laid the foundation for a terrorist dictatorship by upholding the right of the government to put groups of people in concentration camps for 'security reasons'. In Karamatsu v.s. the U.S.A., a Japanese brother tried to get the act of incarcerating his people during World War II declared unconstitutional. Of course it wasn't. Now that decision, along with the monstrous McCarran Act are vulturally hanging over the heads of the masses, ready to swoop down on Black people.

Understanding all of this, it doesn't come as a surprise when the liberal (but ex-KKK member) Hugo Black of the Supreme Court

stated that a so-called 'unruly defendant' can be removed from the courtroom (not attending his own trial) as in the case of our Chairman, Bobby Seale. Adolph Hoffman and other judges have denied political prisoners and defendants their basic constitutional and human rights, when they are supposedly innocent until proven guilty; then brothers and sisters are expected to accept the legal genocide these pigs hand down. Chairman the rhetoric of the field nigger. Bobby Seale and the brothers and sisters of the N.Y. 21 gave us some correct examples to follow. No amount of harsh imprisonment and torture could silence them! Chairman Bobby told the fascists that he would call them pigs a thousand times, pigs a million times, as long as they violated his constitutional and human rights he didn't care what they did to him, THEY ARE STILL PIGS!

So don't be surprised at what's coming down---just be prepared. The people are being railroaded through courtrooms everyday. A political prisoner of U.S. fascism can't hope to get a fair trial, but we still demand it. We see that the pigs have decided to murder the Chairman in the Electric Chair and they have already sentenced brother Romaine 'Chip' Fitzgerald to the Gas Chamber. But before we let this happen we're gonna turn around the ameriKKKan scene the way it's supposed to be---let's blind and gag these pigs and vultures with their own electric cord and let them barbecue!

WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO LIVE!

Black Panther Party
Richmond Branch
submitted by Gloria Abernathy



SLUM LORD IN MOUNT VERNON

Much of the suffering being brought down on the Black people of Mount Vernon has been caused by the invasion of mafioso pigs; these pigs have invaded the community by gaining control of decaying housing. A so-called 'family corporation' is one of the main perpetrators of this madness. This pig, Pete 'Pezzia' Zabelli, exemplifies the low-lived nature of slumlords in the Black communities across Babylon.

Constantly the tenants in his many buildings (we still aren't sure how many buildings he owns) have begged him to alleviate oppressive conditions in these death traps called homes. Yet this fool is always "too busy" to even investigate when tenants make a complaint, much less eliminate these conditions. One particular sister in one of his buildings described how she has been trying to get this fool to fix a broken window for well over a year; another tenant told about a broken door, bad wiring in his kitchen, where he made complaints to the landlord and the conditions went unnoticed. The tenant not being able to live with these kind of conditions related to putting a door in for himself and new wiring in his kitchen, also placing a new cable from the wiring to the refrigerator (the old cable was draining excessive electricity).

In other such buildings that we investigated owned by the same so-called 'family corporation' we found a ceiling falling, windows broken, paint peeling from the walls and plaster falling on every floor. A pipe in one tenant's home leaked for so long that the build up of rust is the only thing that stopped it from continuing. An old man (well over 80) has to climb a ladder just to flush his toilet. All this is happening because of cold hearted apathetic fools like this, who let conditions such as these exist and take away the lives of so many human beings every day across Babylon.

The Black Panther Party along with the people here in Mount Vernon will move to put an end to these oppressive conditions. After 400 years of oppression we will not be tricked by lying demagogues whose only interest is to make money. The tenants must organize and demand "decent housing fit for the shelter of human beings". If the slumlord will not give decent housing to our people then the housing must be taken out of the hands of these slumlords and put into the hands of the people, so the people can give decent housing to the community.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Leo

DEFEND THE GHETTO WITH GUNS

Malcolm X said once that revolutions are fought over land. Revolutionary forces the world over are moving in a strong positive manner against the reactionary forces that occupy and are destroying most of this world. These revolutionaries and these progressive people are fighting to drive murderous mercenary soldiers, lackey political figures and all evil influences from their land.

Here, in Babylon, revolutionaries and progressive people are also moving in a desired manner. We, as all oppressed, over-exploited and colonized people, must and are, waging an uncompromising struggle against those people who wish to keep us in this situation.

Black people in the United States do not own any land, even though it was the back and lives of Black people that brought prosperity to the land. We do not own - but we do occupy. We do not own any of the ghettos in amerikkka, but we have been forced by this government to live in these undesired areas; and so this is where we must begin to wage revolution here in amerikkka.

must liberate these areas of land! We must fight!

The youth in this country, in the colonized areas, in particular, must take a serious stand against the oppressor and his lackeys.

There must be throughout the ghetto organized bands of brothers and sisters. Small bands organized and highly disciplined for the purpose of liberating these areas out of the hands of the pig. The morale among the Black freedom fighters will grow as victories are won. We cannot afford incorrect examples at this time, for in an armed struggle one either wins or dies. To insure the livelihood of our people, we must rally new forces through our examples of resistance.

The spirit of revolution is here; the direction is here, the only thing left to do now is to fight. Follow the ideology of the Black Panther Party, the vanguard of the American Revolution #2, so that the correct examples will be set for the people to follow.

Self Defense groups of 4-6 should make it priority #1 to obtain everything they can find written by Huey P. Newton, Eldridge Cleaver, and other pro-



Today, we are sharing the ghetto with a most undesirable element, the murderous racist pig cop. Revolutions are fought over land, and so that we, as Black people, obtain the power to determine our own destiny, we will first have to remove the most obvious level of oppression, the most deadly element, that pig cop that occupies our communities like a foreign troop occupies territory. We

ven revolutionaries, so as to embody within the group an ideology that will give you a fighting spirit of steel, that no lackey, pig, or anybody else can destroy! That will be your first taste of freedom.

DARE TO STRUGGLE!
DARE TO WIN!!

Michael Hill
Colorado Chapter

OMAHA BUSTIN LOOSE

For years, Omaha, Nebraska has been recognized as the center of ignorance, bigotry, and backwardness of the United States...it still is. But the past several days has illustrated a definite change and a rising up out of historic stagnancy. The people here have traditionally been crisis oriented and known for their unique ability to react to crises and simmer down in an instant cool-off. But we of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Committees to Combat Fascism (formerly the United Front Against Fascism) have been working very hard to raise to higher level the political mentality of the people (primarily Black people). And we have been helped along recently by the reactionary government of insanity headed by mayor "Blue Jean" Mussoleahy:

On Saturday, March 14th, following the State Championship game between Tech High (a predominately Black school in Omaha) and Lincoln Northeast (a White school in Lincoln Nebraska), a small fight occurred between Blacks and Whites inside

the auditorium. That fight snowballed and headed outside the auditorium, whereupon the pigs arrived. Naturally, the pigs swarmed into the crowds of people distributing "justice" indiscriminately upon the heads of Black people and ending up injuring at least fifteen Black people--- Brothers and Sisters young and old.

On Monday, March 17th, the all-White jury of the Loder Manslaughter trial returned its "not guilty" verdict. Loder is the pig (more accurately, wild boar) that killed the young Black sister, Vivian Strong, last summer.

Well, the people of the Black Colony have left their traditional, reactionary ways to a great extent. Instead of creating havoc in our community and inviting the idiots of the Omaha pig Dept. into the community to reap arrests and beatings upon us the people did the following:

On the Tuesday following Mussoleahy's cancellation of the Town Hall meeting, Black people organized a little visit to City Hall,

bringing a Town Hall meeting to the mayor and the so-called Public Safety Director. In the mayor's very office, he and his sidekick were verbally backed up against the wall by a group of approximately forty people. That included some of the young Blacks that had been beaten by the pigs at the Saturday night auditorium incident, their parents, a couple of NCCF members, and other fed-up folks from the community. The group, led mainly by Ed Poindexter and Ernie Chambers, demanded that there be a pig line-up to enable the victims of the auditorium blood bath to identify the guilty pigs and bring charges against them.

Since Tuesday, there have been a minimum of thirteen bomb threats downtown. These bomb threats have resulted in the evacuation of such places as: Interim City Hall, The First National Bank, Central High School. On Wednesday, a group of about a hundred-and-fifty Black students hit Brandels, Penny's and Woolworth's, tearing down displays, pushing over counters, and

throwing merchandise every which way. Then, they went to Malashock's Jewelry, busted out the front display window, and liberated numerous watches and other articles. The students struck with such quickness that only two of them were caught. Yesterday, two molotov cocktails just missed the First National Bank and a downtown drugstore.

About the only thing left to say is, "We, the people, are going to see to it that oppression and repression become a thing of the past; that our oppressors and repressors remove themselves as obstacles to our freedom and love or get kicked dead in the pants; that, from city to city, the tide of the People's Revolution is going to over the hollow heads of all Death minstreis who have ever raised their hands against the people--- and the lives, liberty, and happiness of the people."

David I. Rice/NCCF

FASCIST PIG JUSTICE IN LAKEVIEW

Last week in the Lakeview area, the San Francisco pigs were running amuck harrasing Black people and making arrests on false charges. They were constantly stopping cars and giving tickets not due to the fact that the cars they stopped were driven recklessly but due to the fact that they wanted to harass and agitate the Black people of Lakeview. There were three brothers driving up Orizaba Ave. and they were stopped by these punks, and given a ticket, and were made to listen to one mealy-mouthed pig oink for five minutes. Then they were told that they could leave. Before they could get to the corner, they were stopped again and given another ticket. Then they were told that they could leave again. So the brother driving turned the corner and went down Farrallones Street. By the time he got to Farrallones and Plymouth Streets, two pig cars blocked them off and jumped out of their cars with their hands on their guns and flashed their flashlights all through the car and then told all three of the brothers who were in the car to get out. As soon as as the brothers got out of the car, the pigs immediately handcuffed them and put them in the pig's car. By this time approximately four pigs on motorcycles had circled the car that these brothers were in and the people were checking out the actions of the pigs. The pigs claimed that the car might be a stolen car and the brother who was driving the car had informed them that the car belonged to his mother who lived only a few blocks away. But the pigs didn't investigate or even make any attempts to contact the brothers' mother. They were only concerned with showing the community just how nasty and fascist the San Francisco Pig Department is. And that their only goal is to harass Black people. Black people want peace and practice has shown that the disrupters of peace is the so-called 'police department'. But the people of Lakeview are no different than other Black people, and such op-



pression will create resistance, so that the people will fight for peace and through 'disorder' put the pigs in order.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

Comrade Candi Robinson

HOUSE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



Richard Nixon

THE PRESIDENT
IS AUTHORIZED
TO MAKE PUBLIC
PROCLAMATION...OF
AN INTERNAL
SECURITY
EMERGENCY

Concentration ("Detention") Camps should President Proclaim an "Internal Security Emergency."

— Public Law 831--81st Congress; Title II: Section 102: 103: & 104 (HUAC's original Internal Security Act (McCarran))

"EMERGENCY DETENTION: In the event of...insurrection...the President is authorized to make public proclamation...of an Internal Security Emergency ... and ... acting through the Attorney General is... authorized to apprehend and... detain...each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe ... PROBABLY WILL ... CONSPIRE with others to engage in acts...of sabotage...Persons apprehended ... shall be confined in... places of detention...prescribed by the Attorney General.

CHAPTER X

CONCLUSION

Once the ghetto is sealed off and, depending upon the violence being perpetrated by the guerrillas, the following actions could be taken by the authorities:

(1) A curfew would be imposed in the enclosed isolated area. No one would be allowed out of or into the area after sundown.

(2) During the night the authorities would not only patrol the boundary lines but would also attempt to control the streets and if necessary, send out foot patrols through the entire area. If the guerrillas attempted to either break out of the area or to engage the authorities in open combat they would be readily suppressed.

(3) During a guerrilla uprising most civil liberties would have to be suspended, search and seizure operations would be instituted during the daylight hours, and anyone found armed or without proper identification would immediately be arrested. Most of the people of the ghetto would not be involved in the guerrilla operation and under conditions of police and military control, some would help in ferreting out the guerrillas. Their help would be invaluable.

(4) If the guerrillas were able to hold out for a period of time then the population of the ghetto would be classified through an officer for the "control and organization of the inhabitants." This officer would distribute census cards which would bear a photograph of the individual, the letter of the district in which he lives, his house and street number, and a letter designating his home city. This classification would aid the authorities in knowing the exact location of any suspect and who is in control of any given district. Under such a system, movement would be prescribed and the both on guerrillas and any suspicious activity they might note. The freely from place to place seriously police agencies would be in a position to make immediate arrests, curtailed.

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BLACK PEOPLE EVERYWHERE-NO CENSUS

The first census for the United States was taken in the year 1790.

The classifications were: "slaves" and "FREE MEN." "Free Men" meant "WHITE". The census counted the free White males and females, and most important, the free White males over or under 16 years of age (to determine eligibility for racist leadership). There was very little problem in counting niggers because niggers were slaves and the racist slave-owners counted niggers just like they counted their cattle.

For one-hundred years the classification on the census remained as "SLAVES" and "FREE WHITE MEN". The American Civil War (1861-1865) which supposedly meant the abolition (end) of slavery made very little difference to the way Black people were boxed-up and looked upon by the Federal census. Up until 1970 they have changed the classification of Black people by name only, as if we are fooled by the choice of NEGRO or BLACK as a selection on the census is merely an exemplification of racist attitudes by census makers and takers.

A lot of ignorant Negroes believe that the census is important because of the amount of fat-mouth Black congressmen they can slip into the House of Mis-Representatives. But Black people-niggers off the block - understand that Black congressmen, such as Adam Clayton Powell never helped to pay their rent, feed their hungry children, or received any of the brutality meted out to the Black community by the vicious Tac Squad. Powell stays too busy at his villa in Bimini or otherwise living the rich high society life. We have had enough Mis-Representation, and with the rising tide of terror, 1970 isn't going to be any different. Nixon will see to it that if any "NEGROES" are elected that they will be Toms because a smart nigger will expose the Carswell's, Hoffman's, Reagan's, Allot's, Lindsay's, Daley's, Rockefeller's, et.al.

Now I suppose you want to tell me about all the smart niggers that can handle the job. Well, they ain't gonna have the time because the president of America is about ready to enforce Title II of the McCarran Act - in easier terms: "concentration Camps" (already prepared), "Detention Houses" (just an expansion of jails for Blacks), and the total occupation



of our Black communities.

Emergency Detention, as defined by this racist McCarran Act states: In the event of insurrection...the president is authorized to make public proclamation...of an Internal Security Emergency...and...acting through the Attorney General is...authorized to apprehend and...detain...each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe...Probably will...Conspire with others to engage in acts...of sabotage...Persons apprehended...shall be confined in...places of detention...prescribed by the Attorney General.

The United States Attorney, John Mitchell, has already started with his attempts to annihilate the leaders and membership of the Black Panther Party and other group, organizations or persons striving to unify their communities.

This Security Act Is For Minorities Only! Listen, and sisters, and tell me if this McCarran Act doesn't sound like an intended MASSACRE for the Black community.

"Once the Ghetto is sealed off, and depending upon the violence being perpetrated by the guerrillas (Blacks), the following actions could be taken by the authorities (police troops):

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suspect and who is in control of any given district. Under such a system, movement would be prescribed and the ability of the guerrilla to move freely from place to place seriously curtailed.

Can you now see that the "VITAL STATISTICS" of the Census means to your welfare? It is a ticket to death issued by the Federal Government and we are foolishly helping them. Call you radio stations and Black television announcers and tell them to stop their "Black and Proud, Stand Up and Be Counted" commercials. It is close to your last chance to be duped by this racist government or will you wait until the government sends its troops into the Black, Brown, and Red communities to pull you into ready-made Concentration Camps? You couldn't say a word about it because you told them your name, address, and phone number, who lives with you and what you all do-right on down to how you use your toilets.

The Federal Government cannot fine or jail the entire Black community if we as a community refuse to remit a census but the Federal Government can fine and jail us if we DO send in these Vital Statistics. Yes, they are vital statistics, vital to our survival.

So all you truthful, honest Black people who tell you enemy everything he asks, you will show your slave mentality in 1970 just as they counted the slaves in 1790 if you hand in a honest census. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors and join together to keep the census snoopers out of the Black community. Black people did it in Africa (Kenya) in 1926 when authorities anticipated trouble with the tribes because it is an old African law NOT TO COUNT THEMSELVES (men) their wives or their cattle. We Afro-Americans are always talking about Africa our mother - country and African nationalism and culture so why don't we follow the examples of those Kenyans and make it a little harder for the American government to commit mass GENOCIDE.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF
DEFENSE
FREE BOBBY
Carol Henry

SAVE THE ILLINOIS

16

Robert Bruce, Nathaniel Junior, William O'Neil, and Billy 'Che' Brooks are part of that 'notorious group of criminals', the Illinois Panther 16 gangsterlike, these persons conspired to kidnap, kidnapped, assaulted, attempted to murder, attempted to rob, robbed, etc., etc.,--all done in one night to one person, a Black woman."

If you thrilled at every word oggled from the mouth of Agnew, and hum at the sounds that shout from the Black community, and sigh with satisfaction at American policy, domestic and foreign, then you accept the preceding paragraph. But if you realize America is paving the chaos in world history then you know the preceding is absurd. Yes, it is absurdity. But this is one absurdity that cannot be chuckled off. No, there can be no laughing for a Black woman, herself oppressed, paid by the police to lie that crimes were committed against her in order to further the oppression of the Party. Nor can there be any laughing when we consider that one of the Illinois 16, Nathaniel Jr., peers from behind bars in lieu of one million dollars bond--the cost of his life.

And we most certainly feel an overwhelming anger when we realize that Fred Hampton, himself, of the Illinois 16 was murdered

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RESPECT FOR LAW

Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, has set a new stage in legal defense activities. In the early days of the trial of the CHICAGO EIGHT he gave proof to all concerned that those in charge of what is called "due process of law" would have no easy time rail-roading him to prison. He had no intention of being, in any manner, shape or form, party to the government's conspiracy to continue to use the courts as a weapon with and through which to violate the constitutional rights of Americans regardless of creed or color or more particularly to fortify and consolidate its cold-blooded racist policies.

Bobby Seale was determined to take the offensive in the court. He had done nothing save demand his citizenship rights. Now his liberty was at stake. The constitutional rights of the American people to freedom of speech and assembly were in jeopardy. The court in which he sat was arena of fierce struggle, a battleground in the fight for democracy and against racism. Although the atmosphere was controlled by his persecutors Bobby was determined that the people's enemies were not going to dictate the course or character of struggle. His counsel, Charles

Garry of San Francisco, was ill. Bobby was determined to defend himself. He knew that leading military strategists have always held the best defense to be an offensive.

Most legal trials in which a Black man are involved are war. The name is changed. So are the tactics. But the best defense remains an offensive. All of which opens up the question of "respect for the law".

The court as an arena of war is most often chosen by the racist enemies of Blacks and labor because having more or less satisfactorily cloaked it with an air of sanctity and impartiality they have thus concealed its class character. They have made of it an excellent institution in which to victimize those who would defend the people's dignity, rights, immunities and constitutional guarantees.

The Chicago judge held Bobby in contempt of court. For vigorously fighting for his and the "inalienable rights of the people this Black man was sentenced to four years in prison. He is now a political prisoner, a prisoner of a racist war. His very life is menaced. A conspiracy is afoot to try him in Connecticut for murder.

Battle flags of the racists fly in every courtroom. Across them is written: Down with the defenders

of human dignity and constitutional liberties. The lives of the intended victims can be saved. But only by a people mobilized for struggle in the courts, in the streets and in the shops, mines and mills. Those who rely on the courts do not fully recognize their role.

High sounding words are dally mouthed about the sanctity of the law even while the President prepares to place another racist upon the Supreme Court. They are for the greater part addressed to the victims of the government's racist policies: to the Blacks, and afterwards to labor and to those Whites who are beginning to understand that an acceptance of the myths of racism leads to political and cultural victimization and early death.

Respect for the law is demanded by the court trying the Black Panthers in New York charged with bombing or conspiring to bomb public buildings and monuments. Their crime: a demand for respect for their rights as American citizens and human beings. That demand is ignored. The countering demand is RESPECT FOR THE LAW while the trial court prepares the conspiracy against them. The same situation holds true as conspiracies against the Black Panthers are launched from Coast to

Coast. Respect the Law: What law? Was it disrespect for law that caused Bobby Seale to challenge and defy a court that violated his constitutional rights?

How can the Black man, woman or child have respect for law or a system that has no respect for him or her? Of course the questions do not stop there. How can a White worker, male or female, have respect for law or a system of laws that has no respect for the working class? For Black and White en masse there can only be a vow-relessly to fight laws geared to destroy their ability to protect their own rights, the integrity of the State and the moral stamina of the nation.

Respect for law begins where the law has respect for the people and their rights. To an ever greater degree the law will be used as a weapon against the developing National Liberation Movement. When the law is used as a major weapon against racism and bigotry there will be no lack of respect for it. Black America will not allow itself to be treated as outside the pale of what has been defined as law and order. If such continues to be the case it must, in the interests of national unity and self-protection, be a law unto itself. William L. Patterson

JOHN McGRATH INTERVIEWS

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

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JOHN: We really don't want to interview you as a personality—but just to set the scene, how would you describe your present situation?

ELDRIDGE: People when they start talking about my present situation, they start with the word 'exile', you know, I don't like to use that term myself because it is static. We are in the process of establishing here an information centre: to deal with the struggle on an international level, make contacts, find out who our allies are, locate sources of mutual support. It's a way of

continuing to work. I never would have left the United States if the decision hadn't been made for me. We were not prepared to deal with an insecure underground thing at that time. So while we're working on that, this is a way of hiding time until we can return.

JOHN: What would you say the Black Panther Party's main successes were, so far?

ELDRIDGE: I think that the main success and the most important success has been in heightening the political consciousness of a lot of people. Once people are aware

of a situation I don't think the government could ever really change their minds back to where they were before. Also dispelling the alienation that existed between Black Revolutionaries and White Revolutionaries of the United States. At the time that the Party was started, there was like a big gulf that was sort of a heritage of the work of SNCC and Black Power and Stokely Carmichael.

JOHN: So in a way, you have created an awareness of the situation, a political consciousness among American Black people and you have aligned or made some form of coalition with the Peace and Freedom Movement and other White movements. But so far as I can see, you haven't issued any call to the American Working Class as such. What is your opinion of the political role of the American Working class?

ELDRIDGE: You see our Party is drawn largely from the lumpenproletariat. We are members of the working class, but we have to make a distinction between the employed and the unemployed. There are large numbers of unemployed people in the United States. In the first place the American people are very corrupt, very deeply imbued with the whole greedy dog eat dog philosophy of individualism, and they don't give a damn about other people or each other, and as long as the government is able to provide enough jobs, as long as they're able to prop up the economy by manufacturing war materials, as long as they're able to keep a cheque coming to these people, it is almost impossible to do anything with them. We understand the theoretical analysis that makes the working class key to the revolutionary process, but we also recognise the realities of that situation—the important thing now is to organise those who are objectively organisable and after that we can begin to crack that hard ace. Right now I feel, and it is the feeling of the Party, that we must make an approach to the working class as a category, but we feel that they're not about ready to come in.

JOHN: So that when you speak of "domestic imperialism" and "The Black Colony" and "liberating the colony," are you talking outside the Marxist framework of class struggle?

ELDRIDGE: I think it's strictly compatible with the Marxist analysis except that we are in a situation where we have to apply these universal principles to our specific situation in a way that has never been done before. To just take the dry Marxist analysis as it exists, is not functional for us. This has been the diabolical failure of the American Communist Party. They refuse to deal with the reality of the situation—they just talk about the working class, and Black people are members of the working class, and that's it. They don't confront the ethnic problem that exists. In the United States, the class struggle is hidden by the ethnic struggle, and the way that the people are manipulated by the government, by the ruling class, makes the ethnic struggle primary. They keep the ethnical contradictions very sharp by manipulating racism and the whole history of racism, which is why the struggle of Black people in the United States has come to be looked upon as a race struggle as opposed to a class struggle. We under-

stand that the class struggle is the key, but you cannot neglect the ethnic factor, if you do, you meet with disaster.

JOHN: On a question of timing, would you say that liberating the colony had to come before the revolution in America?

ELDRIDGE: No we think that they must be done at the same time. The key dynamic that gave rise to the developing Movement among Whites in the United States was started off as a support operation against the war in Vietnam and support for Black people struggling for their rights. If the struggle for Black people didn't exist, the present anti-war movement wouldn't be there. The two things are inter-related and they must go on at the same time; there's no question about that. I mean you cannot call a moratorium on one and say, well let's deal with the other one first. We say that they must both work together, must have machinery to deal with both of them at the same time.

JOHN: The demands of the Panther Party are not particularly Socialist. In some ways they seem to accept the pattern of Society and demand more justice with that pattern, rather than overthrowing it. Is this so?

ELDRIDGE: We often are confronted with this question, many times as a criticism, but you must understand the situation that exists inside the United States and the people who drew up the programme. They understood the society from a Marxist point of view. The programme, if you notice, is drawn up on an either/or principle, it says either you will do this, or we will do this and behind that is the understanding that it's impossible for the government to deliver those demands. But in terms of relating to the people, the demands are very clear and they're very just and they speak to the grievances of the people. Now when the people see these just demands put forward and then they see the government unable or unwilling to meet these demands, then it becomes very reasonable to them to start dealing with the alternatives. We always go beyond the Ten Points. They are a working device that we can use to approach the people, and it's proving very effective, in spite of the criticisms that a lot of intellectuals make of it.

JOHN: I notice that in one of the latest issues of the Black Panther Paper, you did a breakdown of a strike in General Electric which gave a very good analysis of how the power structure worked in a specific case.

ELDRIDGE: This is because there have been some successes in approaching the working class over the last couple of years—we have got some Party members and some allies who are members of the labour unions and who devote all their time to trying to relate to workers. We have a wide readership among the working class, and by running these analysis we can help them make some ideological inroad. You can say definitely that this process will continue.

JOHN: When you talk about a united front against fascism you have identified America as a Fascist country, how do you think it

compares with Nazi Germany?

ELDRIDGE: I think that in terms of the effects it's having on the world, it's far worse than Nazi Germany. Many people have come to identify fascism only when they see swastikas, you know, or something related to Mussolini. We think that the form of oppression and the totality of the oppression that is involved in the United States is enough, along with the economics that are involved, to identify America as fascism. Through some very devious mechanisms, of holding companies and interlocking directorates and so forth, the economy is centralised in the hands of very few people and very few corporations at the top. It has an apparent facade of competition and free enterprise, but it's not free enterprise, it hasn't been for quite a while; if it ever was. It's definitely a highly centralised mechanism that only gives the appearance of being decentralised.

JOHN: According to some Black Panther statements, America needs now a North American Liberation Front. Traditionally liberation fronts fight protracted wars: What would you say was your strategy for carrying out the war?

ELDRIDGE: You see, usually people speak about liberation fronts when they're dealing with a Colonialist regime. In the US the primary struggle is a revolutionary struggle, but at the same time we have to deal with specific conditions of oppression of Black people. Black people were taken to the United States as part of the process of the expansion of European politics into the rest of the world. So many of the forms of oppression that were developed in that process were developed and inflicted upon Black people inside the United States. Not all. We don't have the classical form of colony, but many of the forms are there. We have to apply the analysis of Imperialism and Colonialism where the Black community is controlled from the White community. But the large thing is that it has to be a revolution that will be won through a process of war. We don't think we're going to be able to vote the capitalist economy out of existence, and we don't think we're going to be able to vote the ruling class out of existence. We think that people are going to have to organise and take up arms and fight a war to overthrow the system. We talk about the North American Liberation Front, I prefer the term The New World Liberation Front.

What is happening now is that small groups of people are arming themselves and they're beginning to carry out activities against the system. I think that that process will increase and out of it, just as in other countries, a people's army will develop. This is what we constantly try to bring about. In terms of time, who can say how long it will take? I know that I can't. These things have a way of exploding and processes that we think will take ten years telescope into two weeks; so there's a way of speeding up time through action.

JOHN: Do you see it in relation to the economic processes?

ELDRIDGE: Yes, if the economy, because of the international situation, experiences

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sharp breakdowns where more and more people experience dissatisfaction in their daily life, of course this will open up some very immediate and beautiful prospects. But you have to understand this, that the people who are active in the United States right now are not people who are ground down in poverty, because people in the United States are suffering a different form of oppression, even Black people. There is a type of spiritual suffering that is so extreme that people are just as miserable as though they were starving. There is another form of misery. Hunger is not the only form you see and American people are miserable; many of them don't know it, but those who are aware and who know it and who understand the source of it, they have a hatred so deep for that system that they can do nothing but destroy it, because they see that their lives are rotten and the quality of their lives is worthless and that the only way that they can do anything meaningful is to move to destroy the monstrous system that exists there. It's kind of fashionable to talk about a Student Movement in the United States, people talk about this, but it's grown beyond just being a student movement to being a generation of people who are aware of the predicament that the world is in and who understand this predicament and who have enough quality about themselves to want to do something about it; and this is

concerned about survival and who want to carry out a revolution without suffering any consequences, I think that they don't really want to carry out a revolution. We have to be prepared to take risks, to suffer, in order to bring about the results. So while we have suffered greatly, and while we don't like the suffering we've had to do, we don't regret doing what we've done because it was necessary. We were confronting this situation: we had to choose between doing nothing or taking action that would probably get us killed or put in prison. We prefer to just close our eyes and move against the enemy and then try to pick up the chips rather than sit around like those armchair philosophers do, analysing the situation. For instance people in the United States talked about police brutality for about 50 years. The NAACP started in about 1911. It started off as a protest organisation. They started off talking about Police brutality and they filed about a million petitions trying to put an end to police brutality. Everybody talked about that. But it wasn't until the Black Panther Party got out into the streets with guns and confronted the cops on the street at great loss and at great suffering that we have been able to do something to create a climate and an awareness, where the pigs are upright. All the talking in the world didn't do anything about it, it took the type of action that we too, which

the legal and the illegal approach, both the above ground and the underground approach. Definitely we are going to have to resort to the tactics you referred to.

JOHN: I want to ask you about the Student Movement which you mentioned just now. How would you place the strength of the actual student contribution, would you say it was a revolutionary vanguard, or a detonator, as they said in Paris, or just trouble...?

ELDRIDGE: My whole opinion of student movements fluctuates as their actions fluctuate, having had some very close associations with large numbers of students, I came to understand that there was this generation of people who understand the problem, and who are committed to it. At the same time there are also a great number of people who are active in the movement who are just going through a sort of initiation process and will afterwards rejoin the system.

JOHN: What books would say had influenced you and the Panthers particularly? Well to start with, what were the classic Marxists text-Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, Mao etc.?

ELDRIDGE: The members of the Party, those who started it, they read very widely

my daily activity, there was no organisational structure that I could relate to.

JOHN: What's your Party's attitude to its intellectuals?

ELDRIDGE: Educated people have been a class in the United States that have sold the Black masses out, because they were specifically educated in order to perform certain functions for the slave master, and they have performed these functions well. So there is a lot of suspicion and hostility among the Black masses towards the educated people. But in the Party there is a great need for intellectual power to constantly refresh the analysis of our situation. People have to learn to really appreciate and dig a cat that functions in that manner, and we've got over some of these suspicions simply because we've got good benefits out of some of the work being done by so-called intellectuals.

We find that the pigs have been very helpful in this regard, because you find that the people that they have been murdering have the brains, like Malcolm X, even Martin Luther King. Fred Hampton was a very intelligent man. The disaster that has happened to certain brains of the Party have made people understand that the pigs were doing this because they were trying to hurt us in turning out the lights. People have an appreciation for talent. We know that we need it.

JOHN: Do you think the effects on the individual of racialism, Imperialism and class exploitation all take place on the same level?

ELDRIDGE: In the first place we're talking about a totality that can't really be separated but in terms of pain, certain things are more easily remedied than others. Like you can destroy the basis of economic exploitation, and some of those sufferings can be wiped out, but certain other forms of pain, like the suffering that people do for racism, can warp you psychologically so that maybe nothing can be done to alleviate that. But at the same time they're inseparable because the racism is just a tactic employed to bolster up the economic exploitation. It's like this, you could have a ball and chain around your ankle you know, but when you examine your body to see where the physical damage is done it's not the big ball but the clasp around your ankle that will leave the mark on you and the big ball might be imperialism and all the economic exploitations and the clasp may be the racism you see, that's the thing that marks you-but it's really the ball that's holding you down.

JOHN: How much do you feel the movement can rely on the help of Communist Parties in America or Moscow or China or Cuba?

ELDRIDGE: We don't. Because we find that they are lagging behind our activities. We're inclined to have rather disastrous relations with the Communist Party in the United States.

The reason they have started relating to us is because the people were relating to us, and they were out of it. We consciously barred them from participating in certain of our activities and we even at one point barred them from passing out leaflets in the Black community-Black communists and White communists. We had to come down on them very hard, we had to expose them in our newspaper, write articles attacking them and their activities before they started changing their behaviour. You see some co-operation between the CPA and the Black Panther Party now, but this is something that we've gained through some very bitter conflict. Myself I'm not inclined to be liberal with them or to even forgive and forget, because even though they are functioning in a harmonious way on certain problems, they have an ingrained ideological bias that keeps them lagging behind. As far as I'm concerned, the marxism that they use is not an indigenous marxism, it's something that is unrelated to the problems that exist in the United States. The Movement as a whole, is beginning to relate to Marxism-Leninism in the United States. They haven't structured it, developed Marxist-Leninist traditional type parties, but

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a necessity.

JOHN: In the light of this struggle, it seems that the Black Panthers have a tendency to adventurism in actually laying themselves open to being put in prison and being driven out of the country.

ELDRIDGE: Yes. I don't think that is necessarily a bad thing. We talk a lot about this, we know this. People used to say that we were provoking the power structure into coming down prematurely when people weren't prepared, but it became very clear to us that it's always time to move if you're willing to face the consequences. Simply because we complained about the consequences doesn't mean that we were not aware that they were going to be brought about, you see what I mean. I remember when we went to the Legislature with those guns, the Communist party and the Socialist Workers party, all of these super revolutionary phrase-mongers-that's all I can call them-they were more angry at us than the pigs were you know, because they said this was provocative and adventurist. But there's a need for Black people particularly to have something of a kami-kaze consciousness. You recall, the first phrase in The Catechism of a Revolutionary by Bakunin, says that a Revolutionary is a doomed man, so all these people who are

they call adventurist, and which we accept. So I really think that we must become even more consciously Kami-Kaze. I like that word because that's just what the situation calls for.

JOHN: Do you foresee a stage where you'll need to adopt a more traditional liberation front approach? For example the F.L.N. in Algiers used to strike and disappear, and there are the traditional Maoist Guerrilla tactics--

ELDRIDGE: When the Party was first organised there was a big conflict over this. Many people wanted to start the Party underground, Huey deals with this whole argument in an essay entitled "The Correct Handling of a Revolution." In the situation that existed in the United States, it was necessary for the organisation to start above the ground, so that it could relate to the people and so the people could relate to it. We anticipated being driven underground, and this has happened to a great extent. Much of what is seen above ground we already consider to be passé. We know that you cannot overthrow the government through mass demonstrations and pickets but we also know that part of the correct revolutionary approach is to utilise both

in Socialist literature. Myself, in prison I had a lot of time to read all the books I could get my hands on, but the key book that really started the Party was "The Wretched of the Earth" by Franz Fanon, because it was after Huey Newton and Bobby Seale read "The Wretched of the Earth" that something clicked inside their heads and they put the Party together. I was still a prisoner at that time and we read "The Wretched of the Earth" in prison; but we read everything from The Manifesto, Das Capital, to scattered selections from Lenin that were available in prison, some of Mao's works you know, even some Fabian socialist essays, things like that, reading these materials we were able to draw an understanding of the Society of Capitalism and how it functions and the evils of it.

JOHN: Yes, and you felt that quite a lot of it was very relevant to your situation?

ELDRIDGE: Yes. When I first read Marx, I was 18 years old, first time I ever went to prison, but it was in such a form, that it only offered, like an intellectual understanding of capitalism, I didn't have an understanding of it in terms of moving, it was impossible for me to relate that to

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they have grasp of the principles and they're looking around for forms to cope with the situation now. It was because the Black Panther Party was already structured that we overtly began to use Marxism-Leninism. Because there was a need.

However, when we had a need for mass education of the Party in Marxist-Leninist principles we had a lot of books that were printed in Russia, more or less running along with the Soviet line so that we found a lot of revisionist attitudes, a lot of alien attitudes, started cropping up in the Party. There is something about the articulation of Marxism-Leninism in that manner that affected people you see, so we stopped using those books, and we started rewriting that material for ourselves and started using more of a variety of books, and so forth until right now we find that certain analyses made by Comrade Kim Il Sung to be more helpful to us than analyses made by certain revisionists.



Comrade Kim Il Sung

JOHN: Could you give any more specific examples of analysis of Kim Il Sung which particularly you found relevant?

ELDRIDGE: The concept of Juche that they've worked out; it's a concept of self-reliance that justifies the independent existence of each party and gives it some ideological defences against the type of domination that is traditional in the Socialist movement, this is really the key factor. When I talk about the value of certain ideological provisions, I'm talking specifically about this concept of Juche. Because of their own experience, they have worked out this concept that gives an analysis of the origin of the party as related to a specific struggle, and how those who were directly involved in that struggle are the ones who must have control of the ideology of the struggle. This becomes very important when you consider that, each Communist Party, I'm really just talking about China and Russia—has a tendency to try to unite under itself all of the other communist parties and to force on them certain ideological lines.

The great contribution that Kim Il Sung made, is the concept of the autonomy of a party, the integrity of a party, the responsibility of a party to those who it purports to represent, the duty of the members of the party to have an awareness that they must rely upon their own resources in their struggle in order to gain success, not to blindly follow behind the experiences of others while always being open to beneficial aspects of others' experience, all this articulated and related to Marxism-Leninism. This concept of Juche deserves to be taken further. Let me read you something of Kim Il Sung. "Only by firmly establishing Juche can each country repudiate flunkeyism and dogmatism and creatively apply the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism discarding the spirit of relying on others and displaying the spirit of self-reliance and accordingly carrying on its revolutionary cause and construction work with success."

Now to me this is very interesting. We have found that in our relationships with the CP in the United States, they will never come out and say "we follow the Soviet line." But when they come to taking up positions on various issues, this is what they

do. They even challenged our right to adopt Marxism-Leninism—we could only do it under their good offices. So that this principle of Juche, bolstered up our own self-assurance. The American CP used to put me uptight they were able to make us feel that we might be doing something wrong. When a cat begins to utilise Marxism-Leninism, if he's not careful he could be made to feel that he's stealing something or that he doesn't really have the right to do that, and this sort of takes away the dynamic approach that you need. You may think that I'm making too big a thing of this, but to us it was a major break-through to relate to the whole concept of Juche—and you go beyond that to the analysis of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, specifically worked out to combat some of the influences seeping into the Socialist movement because of what they call the liberalisation campaign that's going on in Eastern Europe. To me they're disastrous

with the system itself. That period we feel is all over, because just about all that has been smashed—we have another approach to the problem that gets to some of those deeper issues.

JOHN: In fact you're aiming for Washington or aiming to overthrow Washington?

ELDRIDGE: Washington, Washington D.C. Because that's where the seat of power is. That's where the country is controlled from. Actually we're aiming for Long Island—Long Island controls New York, New York controls the country and the country controls the world.

JOHN: On the way there it seems to me you have two problems, your enemies and your friends. Your enemies are perhaps the richest and most powerful men in the world. What do you think of your resources to oppose them?

ELDRIDGE: Well, I don't think that if you deal with these type of quantities you get very far. A big fat capitalist with a billion dollars is still a big fat capitalist. He's only as powerful as the people he's able to deceive and manipulate. As I think has been happening, he's finding it more and more difficult to deceive and manipulate people. In the first place his mass media are being circumvented: alternative media, and methods of communicating have been developed so that the process of suppressing is destroying this ability to manipulate people through his own media. If you look at what's going on in the Army, you find the process of decay and decomposition is rapidly accelerating particularly amongst Black troops. General Westmoreland, the Chief of Staff of the armed forces, ordered a study to determine the extent of Black Panther influence in the army. There is a big thing going on now. We know this because we have contacts with the G.I.'s and we know how the brothers are feeling, and we know how a lot of White cats are feeling in the army. So it's not the number of dollars or resources or property control or deeds of trust that really count, it's what the people think, and what the people are doing that really matters. A big fat pig in the legislature, no matter what his resources are, if he doesn't have some strong-arm shooters to protect him, well we can just walk in there and grab him by his ears. We have to organise people, and organise

fighting people, the materials to fight with aren't that expensive.

JOHN: Your friends. As you head toward this kind of power, if you look as if you're getting near it, do you foresee the assistance of people who in themselves would like to have that power?

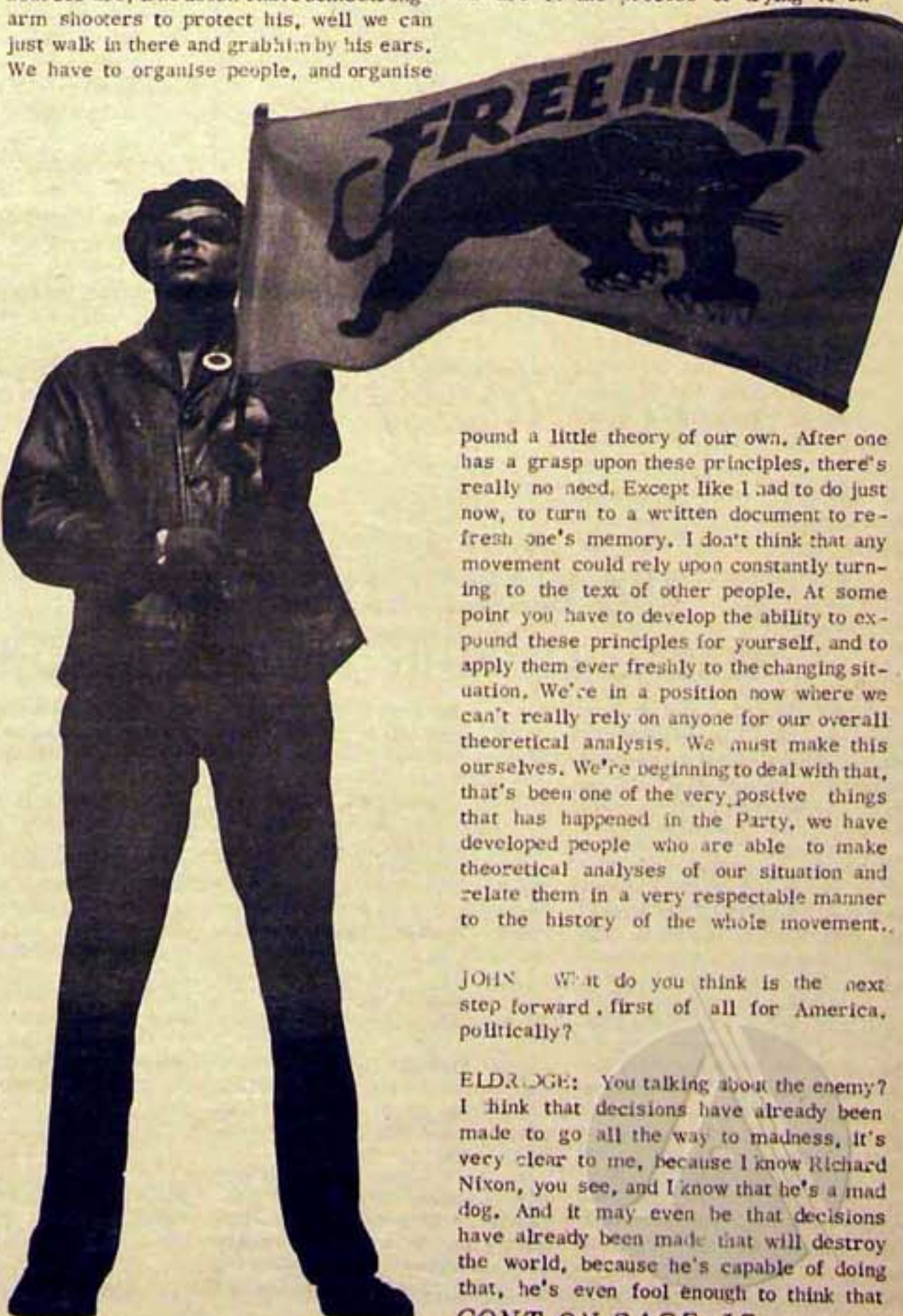
ELDRIDGE: That always take place, doesn't it? We find that Politicians on the make use whatever is happening amongst the people as a lever against those above them. So we play them off against each other, and they try to play us off against their enemies and this is the way the whole process goes down. It's a whole style of politics that we are in conflict with—many people who think that they can ride to power on our backs will be up against a wall with the rest of them when we get into a position to put them there.

JOHN: Do you imagine that this would lead to an ideological hardening in your line as you differentiate yourselves from these false "friends"?

ELDRIDGE: I think that one's ideology must protect one from making improper alliances with improper persons, or improper organisations. We understand what the bases of a Socialist Society are. The things that have to be done are what will divide friends from the enemies, so that those who will go along in transforming the American economy from its present monstrosity to a Socialist economy where the means of production are owned by the people, those who go along like that and don't make problems, we won't have problems with them, but those who would have objections to that, those would have to be dealt with. So by following the principles of Marxism-Leninism and by moving to develop the type of society that we're talking about, I think that enemies and friends can be dealt with.

JOHN: In any revolutionary struggle policies are only made in the dialectic between action and theory. Where do you turn for your theory?

ELDRIDGE: Well I don't think we really turn anywhere any more you know. Because we are in the process of trying to ex-



pound a little theory of our own. After one has a grasp upon these principles, there's really no need. Except like I had to do just now, to turn to a written document to refresh one's memory. I don't think that any movement could rely upon constantly turning to the text of other people. At some point you have to develop the ability to expound these principles for yourself, and to apply them ever freshly to the changing situation. We're in a position now where we can't really rely on anyone for our overall theoretical analysis. We must make this ourselves. We're beginning to deal with that, that's been one of the very positive things that has happened in the Party, we have developed people who are able to make theoretical analyses of our situation and relate them in a very respectable manner to the history of the whole movement.

JOHN: What do you think is the next step forward, first of all for America, politically?

ELDRIDGE: You talking about the enemy? I think that decisions have already been made to go all the way to madness, it's very clear to me, because I know Richard Nixon, you see, and I know that he's a mad dog. And it may even be that decisions have already been made that will destroy the world, because he's capable of doing that, he's even fool enough to think that

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TENANTS RISING STRIKE TOGETHER

An incredible rip-off under the guise of "master plans" is about to unfold upon Berkeley. The plans were initiated by the University of California and the City of Berkeley and involve the displacement of all low income people in the south campus area. They expect to accomplish this by the demolition of the old beautiful houses and the construction of cheaply-made, multi-unit plastic housing designed for middle and high income San Francisco executive commuters and University of California graduate students. It was the same coalition of forces -- the real estate vultures and the University of California electronic bloodsuckers, that forced many of the Black Berkeley tenants into west Berkeley and North Oakland. If the plans are not opposed, the next few years will mark a mass exodus of hippies, yuppies, dippies, street people, indoor people and low income students from Berkeley to west Berkeley and Oakland in search of "low cost" housing-- the consequence being additional pressure to already highly heinous housing conditions in those areas.

The Berkeley Tenants Union was organized to collectively exercise the power to tenants. We are demanding that the landlords sign collective bargaining agreements that will in effect give control of the housing environment back to the people. With four landlords al-

ready signing, the tenants out on strike since February 1, and the power of the B.T.U. building every day, the landlords are scared shit. The struggle must continue.

The B.T.U. is presently circulating a petition demanding:

- 1) Jury trials be afforded all tenants who are seeking collective representation.
- 2) No evictions be carried out which result from such disputes.
- 3) The property tax structure be altered in such a way that exploitation of tenants and small landowners cease; and
- 4) There be no further destruction or construction of rental units in Berkeley until such time as plans have been advanced to increase the supply of low and moderate income rental housing.

We of the B.T.U. wish to make it clear that our present struggle is inseparable from Point Four of The Black Panther Party Platform and Program.

WE WANT DECENT LOW COST HOUSING AND WE WANT IT NOW.

ALL POWER TO THE TENANTS.

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PIGS HARASS WASHINGTON D.C. NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FASCISM

At 2:00 p.m. on March 28, 1970, two Metropolitan Pigs (police) decided to stop in front of the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) Community Center, 2327-18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., to harass members of the Community Center and also community people who were engaging in a conversation about the Free Breakfast Program for Children. The boot-licking nigger pig by the name of E.E. Hemly, badge number 1872, and his White counterpart, K.P. Parkus, badge number 3099, started to harass people from the community center by oinking that he wanted some identification from all of the people that were standing outside. The pig went on to "oink" in the people's faces about how we had no right to talk or give information to the people. He started to tell the people shut-up and because he was Black he thought that he was allowed to use the language of the ghetto people

and tell us to be cool. The Black lackey went on to "oink" about whether we had a permit to sell papers. We replied that we weren't like the greedy pigs of the power structure and that we were giving information away free to the people, about the Free Breakfast Program for School Children. The Black pig went on to give the community lectures about how they shouldn't be involved in the Community Center and they should love their country as he does. The people's reply to that was laughter, and they told him to get out of the community, and to take his White pig with him. The pig was telling the people that they had no rights that he, and his piggish friends were bound to respect.

We have come to know this type of harassment very well, whenever people go forth to organize community people; to give community people programs such as the Free Breakfast Program, Free Medical

Programs, Free Clothing Programs, and to deal with the problems that Black people suffer from -- then this government and the racist pigs in the community find it necessary to step up their harassment of Black people. This government doesn't care about the people, and never has, and the people are beginning to realize that it never will.

So we say to the pigs of the Washington Pig Force, that we shall continue to go forth and implement such programs in every part of the Black community, whether they like it or not. We are here to serve the people! And serve the people we shall!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
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PIGS CONTINUE TO RIP OFF THE PEOPLES STUDENTS

Brother William Gunn, Jr., known to some as Billy Gunn, and brother David Robinson were very active in the New Rochelle High Schools during 1968 and 1969. In 1969 they were arrested for assault on a pig and resisting arrest. These brothers along with other students from New Rochelle attended community meetings at the Harlem office every Saturday, for guidance and direction to deal with the problems that were facing them in the New Rochelle High School. The pigs did not wish to see these two brothers, brothers who were the leaders of the student organization, move to educate their people and students to what was taking place in the New Rochelle community. So in order to stop them they came up with these trumped up charges, as always when they see Black people moving for their liberation and freedom.

On March 17, 1970, the Supreme Court of Westchester County, found one defendant, William J. Gunn, Jr., guilty of 2nd degree assault on a pig, and resisting arrest. The other defendant, C. David Robinson, had a mistrial; the racist jury couldn't come to a verdict or decision on the brother, so the judge declared a mistrial.

Check out the jury's background, they lived in upper White Plains, and Scarsdale and could not in any way understand the suffering of Black people who are colonized here in America.

The judges and D.A.'s understand the type of people that are chosen. They make sure that they are of the privileged class of people, who had made it good and wish to keep what they have received under the capitalist system. They are of the neo-colonist type who wish to hold on to the remainder of the old society. They do not wish to give in to the new way of life for fear of losing their material possessions, and they do not wish for any change of the way that they are living off the rights of humanity. From the beginning to the end of the trial the District Attorney lied, accusing witnesses of being violent revolu-

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PEOPLE'S FREE FESTIVAL

There is going to be a festival for the People, -- the People's Free Festival will be on Saturday, April 11, 1970. It is being given for the People, because the Black Panther Party believes that in the Black community there is not enough activities for the people to engage in, and if there is something it's either too expensive for the people of the community or its something Black people don't dig.

Black people don't have the money to spend on enjoyment because there are other necessities and there's always the adventurous businessman there on his job at all times, you dig. The Festival will be held from 11:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m. at Richard Kimble Field Ellis and Steiner Sts. It is not only for enjoyment but it is very

educational. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a showing of revolutionary art by the Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, in front of the Black Panther office located at 1336 Fillmore Street. From 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be bands and children games. The bands are the Soul Reflections, Granny Goose and the Soul Chips, Soul Henry and the Dapps and also Afro Dancers. There will be Free Food for Days. Then from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., there will be a showing of revolutionary films -- May Day '69, OFF THE PIGS, Interview with Chairman Bobby in Jail -- on Ellis and Fillmore.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
FREE THE CHAIRMAN
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Mechele Hithe



YOUNG LORDS BARRED FROM G.I.S

Carlos Rodriguez--Torres, the last of the Ft. Dix 38 to be tried by general court-martial for the June 5th stockade rebellion, was sentenced to four years at hard labor, a bad conduct discharge and loss of pay after being convicted of arson.

On June 5 the prisoners in the Dix stockade rebelled against the racism, the brutality and the concentration camp-like over crowding of inmates. Thirty-eight men were given general courts-martial. Three, including Carlos, were ASU members.

Rodriguez, the only Puerto Rican given a general court-martial, was obviously the victim of racism.

Rodriguez' attorney, Henry di Suvero, termed the sentence 'a result of racism that permeates the military.' He pointed out that two of the three other men, all White, convicted of both arson and riot received 3-year sentences and the third man received no sentence.

The racist nature of the all fascist court-martial board of six high-ranking officers and the prosecution was clear from the opening of the trial. During the questioning of the potential board members one admitted that while in Korea for a year he could not tell one Korean from another. The prosecution had difficulty throughout the trial keeping the names of Black witnesses straight.

Another officer on the board said that "I would trust the word of an officer over the word of an enlisted man because enlisted men tend to stick to their own kind and lie for one another, whereas officers are more independent."

Carlos became the object of this racist prosecution when he refused a deal offered by CID (the Army's Criminal Investigating Division) to make statements against other accused, even though Carlos

did not know the other accused and Carlos would be assured of only a 3-month sentence. His refusal to submit to the bribery attempts of illegitimate authority makes Carlos as a man of dignity who joins the legion of political prisoners who will not compromise.

On Monday, March 9th, Carlos went on trial again on additional charges of assault and AWOL. Thirteen men and women members of the Young Lords Organization, Puerto Rican freedom fighters, along with members of the American Servicemen's Union attended the trial with some other supporters of Carlos. On the two assault charges, Carlos was sentenced to six-months hard labor. When the Colonel-Judge asked Carlos what kind of work he had done in Puerto Rico before entering the Army, Carlos Rodriguez Torres replied, "I am a proletarian, I work at any job I can get."

At the close of the first day of this trial, about 50 MP's tried to eject the Lords from the base and a battle broke out in front of the court building, on the street and finally inside the MP bus. Fifteen were arrested and given bar notices, forbidding them to re-enter Ft. Dix under penalty of a six months jail sentence and a \$500.00 fine. Those arrested refused to accept the bar notices or to sign them.

ASU Chairman Andy Strapp, who was arrested and barred from the Lords, stated that the four year sentence of Carlos Rodriguez and the banning of the Young Lords, "reaffirms the racist character of the Brass. The ASU must step up its resistance to this oppression. The physical struggle against this illegal barring was a beginning."



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LETTER TO BLACK AMERICANS FROM MR. ROCHOM BRIU, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE AUTONOMY OF NATION ALITIES IN THE HIGH PLATEAUX-SOUTH CENTRAL VIETNAM- AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Dear Friends,

We are very glad to know that large numbers of Black America took an active part in the recent Fall Offensive to end the war in Vietnam. We sincerely thank the Black Panther Party and other anti-war organizations in the US, that have called for a Campaign of Solidarity with Vietnam and intensified struggle to bring home now all US troops from Vietnam.

The Vietnamese people always follow with the great sympathy and admiration your courageous and persistent struggle for racial equality and social progress. We strongly protest the US administration's barbaric repression of the Black Movement, as shown in the arrest of Huey Newton, Bobby Seale and hundreds of others, or the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, and the attempted murder of Ahmed Evans. We energetically condemn the US authorities' attempt to bring Bobby Seale to trial next month and believe that strong protest from progressive people at home and abroad will force them to drop the case.

With their broad, united and determined struggle, the US people have just compelled the Nixon administration to free on bail the Seven Chicago Peace fighters. We consider this as an initial success of the American people's movement, which has great potentials, gives the proof that justice will finally prevail over brutality.

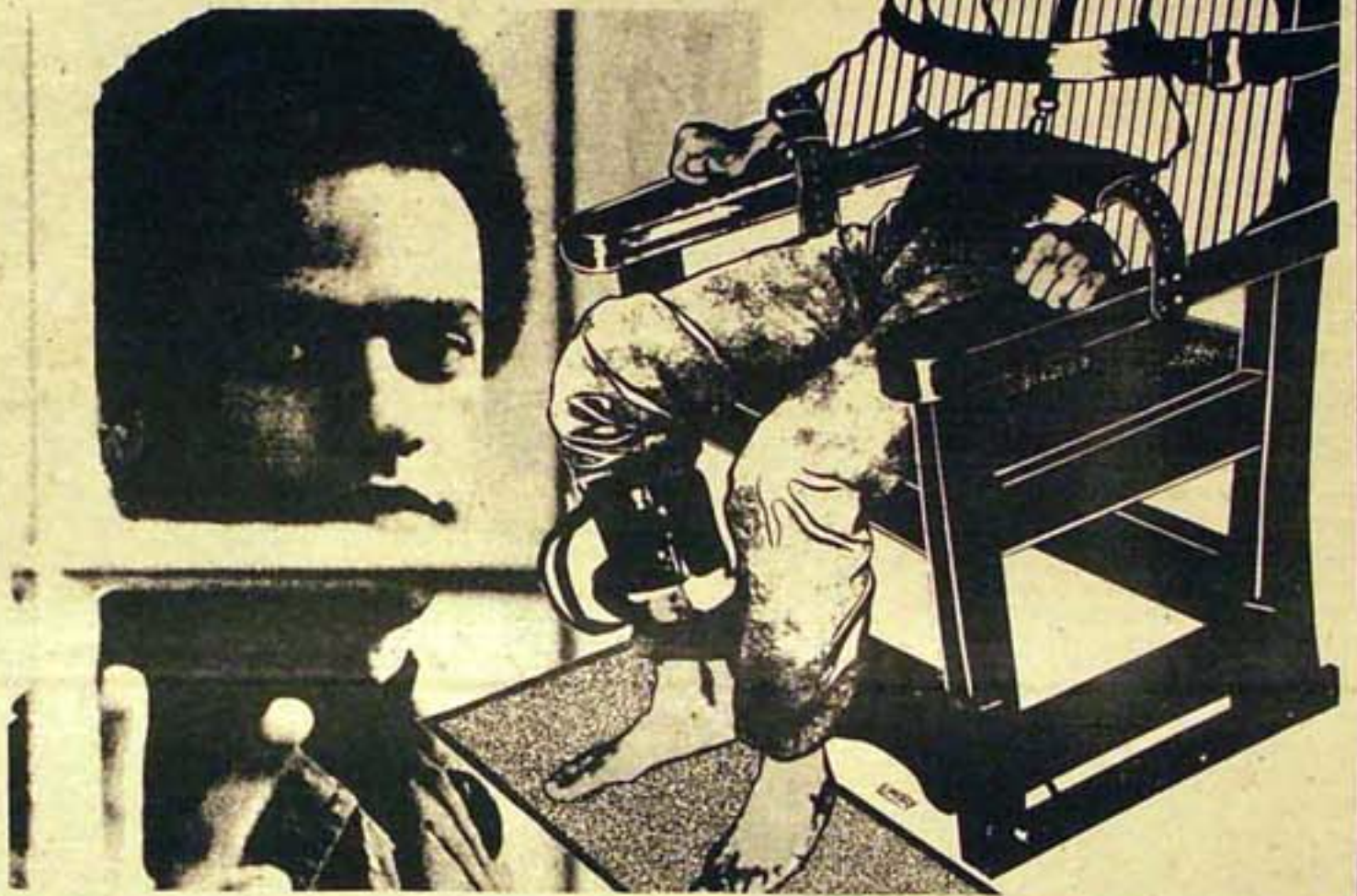
Dear friends,

The past year, while paying lip service to peace, the Nixon administration has, by means of "Vietnamization," brought the war to an unprecedented fierceness.

By "Vietnamizing" the war Mr. Nixon schemes to "change the skin color of corpses" and reduce US casualties and war expenditures to a level acceptable to the US people, in order to continue the war to aggression.

This way, he would squander more American lives and property in many years to come.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Nixon and the warhawks continue daily to push over a million US, satellite and puppet troops into committing uncountable crimes against our people. In the High Plateaux for instance,



where our minority peoples live, vast areas have been ravaged by US bombs, shells, toxic chemicals and repeated pacification operations. The massacres of civilians in Pleiku, Kontum, Kong H'ring, Ayun and other places have laid bare the real nature of Mr. Nixon's policy of "Vietnamization" of the war.

However, Mr. Nixon's perfidy and brutality can never shake our people's determination. We are sure that with our own united and energetic struggle, and with the assistance of the world people's, including millions of genuine Americans, Black and White, our people will achieve independence, democracy, peace and neutrality in South Vietnam, in an advance toward reunification of our country.

This Spring, the US people are going to launch a large campaign for the immediate cessation of the Vietnam war, total withdrawal of US and satellite troops from South Vietnam and against repression, persecution, racial discrimination, the draft and high taxes in the United States. We fully support your just struggle.

We wish your Spring Offensive great success and you Afro-Americans, early materialization of your legitimate aspirations.

South Vietnam, March 10th 1970

VICE CHAIRMAN OF C.S.A.P.

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END THE
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PRISONS, ZIONIST STYLE

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY* TRIBUNAL: ARTICLE 6, Section b.

WAR CRIMES: Violations of the laws, or customs of war. Such violations shall include, but not be limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation to slave labor or for any other purpose of civilian population of or in occupied territory, murder of ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons in the seas, killing hostages, plunder of Public or Private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages or devastation not justified by military necessity.

*This tribunal was formed to try Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg.

More than 16,000 Palestinians are presently detained by the Israeli occupation forces. A research carried recently by an East

German, Dr. Julius Mader, has set the number of Palestinian prisoners at 17,316 during the second half of the current year. Of these 4,000 are alleged to be Freedom Fighters. The rest are civilians arrested arbitrarily for happening to be in areas of explosions, or demonstrators, or strikers against Israeli occupation of their country.

Contact with detainees is absolutely forbidden. Even families and lawyers are prohibited from communicating with prisoners. Little is told by the Israelis about the life these Palestinians lead or the hygienic circumstances under which they live.

The agony of these prisoners is not limited to the miserable life they lead. The suffering and pain inflicted on Palestinian prisoners is a landmark in human brutality.

A three-month pregnant Palestinian woman, Mrs. Abia Shafic Taha, was arrested while on her way home to Jerusalem and was put in a cell reserved for Israeli prostitutes who hit her violently in the presence of an Israeli guard. Far from helping her, the latter started to beat her himself. Denied any medical treatment, she laid unconscious for three days, without a bed or blanket.

She was later interviewed by an Israeli woman lawyer, Felicia Langer, who viewed her case with sympathy and complained to the police of the way she had been maltreated. The reply was that

she had been attacked by prostitutes of bad character and that nothing could be done.

Another Palestinian girl, Miss Lutfiya Ibrahim al-Hawari was lead into a similar cell. Savagely beaten in the presence of her guard she was badly disfigured and had her hair cut by scissors somehow smuggled into the hands of the Israeli prostitutes. She still carries the scars of stubbed cigarettes in her body and a broken tooth. An Israeli lawyer filed a complaint on behalf of Miss Hawari to a senior officer who regretted the incident and explained that the prostitutes not the government were responsible.

The torture and degradation of male-prisoners have by far exceeded that inflicted on women. A summary of Israeli techniques of interrogation are listed below:

- Burning of various parts of the body by means of lighted cigarettes and red-hot iron.
- Injection of solutions that contain nerve-irritants.
- Extraction of teeth.
- Pulling out toe and finger nails.
- Suspension of the detainee from the ceiling for a long time accompanied with constant or intermittent flogging depending on the mood of the interrogator.
- Submersion in hot or ice-cold pools of water through which high voltage currents are passed.
- Application of electric shocks to sensitive parts of the body, such as the genitals and the rectum.
- Submersion in dirty water or urine for periods of up to four days.
- Flogging and whipping of the body including the genitals and face.
- Confinement to a cell with dogs trained to terrorize the prisoners.
- Rolling pipes over knuckles.
- Insertion of lighted candles into the nose.
- Pouring of urine over the head and body.

An Israeli male nurse decides whether the cases presented are serious enough to be transferred to local hospitals or not.

- Prisoners are offered three meals a day. At breakfast, they are given two pieces of bread,

one hard boiled egg, half a teaspoon of jam and four olives. Eggs are sometimes substituted by some olive oil. At lunch, the prisoners are supplied with two pieces of bread and thin soup with one piece of boiled vegetable. A slice of radish is offered with either lunch or supper. Supper is made up of two pieces of bread, boiled spaghetti or a piece of dry fish. The latter is scarcely served. Each prisoner is allotted four cigarettes a day. - Families are never notified of the prisoner's whereabouts.

Asqalan Prison

A recently opened prison in Asqalan has features similar to those of the Nablus prison. According to the Israeli Itihad newspaper (Haifa, 12/9/69) the following are the characteristics of this prison:

- Prisoners are beaten immediately upon arrival; a welcome ceremony.
- Prisoners spend most of their time in cells.
- The guards are allowed to beat the prisoners at their discretion.
- The warden is to be ad-

ressed 'your honor' whenever spoken to by prisoners. Any deviance from this rule is harshly punished.

- The prisoner should not raise his head when talking to Israeli guards but should keep his eyes on the ground.
- Prisoners are allotted beds made up of stone and one blanket which they are not allowed to use during the daytime.
- No printed matter of whatever sort is allowed to the prisoners.
- Application of Nitric Acid to the lips and other sensitive organs.
- Twisting of genitals.

The following is a resume of the experience of several Palestinians who were lucky enough to survive their detention. Many of them however were released because of physical disenablement caused by torture inside the prison and which have dimmed their chances of survival.

The Nablus Prison

The following are some of the features of the Nablus prison, one of the largest prisons in occupied territory:

- Prison rooms or wards are 18 ft. by 36 ft. in which 60-90

prisoners are held. Each room has one wash basin and toilet that are not partitioned from the rest of the room.

- Once every 24 hours, prisoners are allowed an open-air break of five minutes.
- Only after the interference of the Red Cross delegation did the prison authorities provide every two prisoners with a tin of water to wash with once every two weeks.

- Prisoners are checked three times a day starting 3:30 a.m. after which they have to fold their blankets and sit up for the rest of the day. The last check up is carried at 8:00 p.m. before which no prisoners is allowed to rest.

- Israeli civilians and army personnel, including children, are allowed into prison quarters to look at the Palestinian prisoners. Prisoners are ordered to stand up for every Israeli visitor. Not only do they have to stand up, but they also have to bow their heads and fold their hands behind their backs. Any disobedience to this rule is punishable by flogging.

- No medical doctor attends to the prisoners while in jail.

U.S. IMPERIALIST AND ASSOCIATES



VIETNAM GENOCIDE

The following editorial is taken from a special supplement published by the Guardian, "Vietnam Genocide." We reprint it because of its importance--its importance due to the timeliness of the Sonmy massacre revelations--and its importance to the future of the Vietnamese people. It represents the views of both the Guardian and AFB.

Genocide is a comparatively new word. It's been in dictionaries for only the last 25 years. Genocide means the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national or racial group, stemming from the Greek prefix "geno" meaning race and the suffix "cide," meaning to kill. Its political roots today are imperialism--the stage of capitalism where national or racial groups are oppressed for profit--and racism--the system of White supremacy which justifies the oppression of nonWhites on the basis that they are "inferior" or less human.

Genocide isn't new, of course. There are many instances in history--such as the extermination of the native American population--of systematic extermination of national or racial groups, but they were given different names. Bringing civilization to savages is one. Bringing Christianity to heathens is

another. Developing the West, Manifest Destiny, expanding markets and even protecting democracy are all names that have been used (and the last still is used) in place of genocide.

The word itself was coined to describe the Nazi extermination of the Jews. Hitler did not really pretend his racial policy was anything else and he had the technological means to accomplish extermination more advanced than any before.

Regardless of the current set of definitions used to describe U.S. actions in Vietnam, the word there, too, is genocide. A national group, the Vietnamese people, is being exterminated. A combination of imperialism and White supremacy and technological means are ravaging the people and the land of Vietnam.

Imperialism? Because the United States invaded Vietnam to prevent an oppressed people from realizing their goal of self-determination and national independence. Forgetting the endless pretenses, the U.S. violated international law and its own Constitution to prevent the people of Vietnam from deciding their own destiny. If Vietnam "fell" tonight the other poor countries from which the U.S. super-exploits cheap labor and material and sells its goods for

profit.

White supremacy? Vietnam is Asian. Yellow. Inferior. What is a Vietnamese death? What matters the destruction of a Vietnamese village? Of what significance is the torture of a Vietnamese woman? Or the starvation of a Vietnamese child? They are Asian and life is cheap. Over a million Vietnamese civilians have been slaughtered in this war, largely by American firepower. Their homes, their lives, their crops, their aspirations are cheap. This is the ideology of White supremacy. It makes imperialism easier to accept.

Sonmy has hit world consciousness like a hammer. But the history of U.S. atrocities in Vietnam is not new. U.S. genocide in Vietnam is history's most publicized crime. It has been shown on television between the commercials for years. Many Germans said they didn't know what was happening. But no American can say that.

Two years ago the Bertrand Russell War Crimes Tribunal thoroughly documented American genocide in Vietnam. Books have been written. Articles appear daily in the newspapers. Napalm, bombs, burning, defoliation, chemicals, starvation, slaughter, rape, humiliation--all in the name of democ-

racy. It's gone on for years. The U.S. soldiers of "C" Company who destroyed the children, women and men of Sonmy were doing what U.S. soldiers have been doing throughout the war. Every U.S. lieutenant in Vietnam is named "Calley." Every captain is named "Medina."

And every war involving the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national or racial group is named "genocide."

The U.S. is resorting to genocide in Vietnam because all other methods failed. Washington put its money on the French and they lost. It backed Diem and he lost. It's created dozens of dictators since and now has half a million American troops in Vietnam, using the most advanced technology in world history with sadistic barbarity.

America is defeated in Vietnam, defeated by the most important invention of the 20th century--people's war. The U.S. is resorting to genocide because the "enemy" is the entire people of Vietnam, not simply a hundred thousand guerrilla soldiers. It is a war to exterminate a people. And, through incredible hardships, sacrifice and heroism, the people are winning, repaid from AFB--THE AIRMAN'S VOICE



Of what significance is the torture--starvation of a Vietnamese child?

WHO KILLED WILLIE SMITH?

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and never came back.

The appearance of his body indicated that he had been beaten, although the exact cause of death could not be determined at the time. The exact cause of death matters little, for it can only be seen as another useless death in Babylon; it is just another example of genocide committed against our Black community. You see we're all a part of this colony and the 'great society' of slave masters of Babylon don't give a care about us. In fact the fewer there are of us the more profitable it is for them. Due to advanced technology it no longer takes a lot of people to produce the wealth of the society for the greedy few, this creates the desperate condition known as unemployment, which in

turn causes people to beat each other in the head for some money-- anything to survive.

As we were leaving the scene at 1:30 p.m. the lab agents had just arrived to 'investigate' which consisted of standing around with their hands in their pockets and smoking cigarettes.

The Brooklyn Branch will be following through on this incident to see to it that Mrs. Smith and her children are taken care of. We must watch the oppressor's every move closely but at the same time be ready to deal with him resolutely at the first funny motion.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Brooklyn Branch

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Night Riders Attack

BROWN: She said he made a statement, but that she could not understand him, but he said something to the officer when he was lying on the ground. So he was coming up on his hand and his knee, saying something to the officer, but she couldn't understand him. The witnesses say that he took careful aim.

REG: While your son was on his knee...

BROWN: Trying to get up on his elbow, the witnesses all state that he was or like, you know like when he hit him, he was coming up like this. I believe that he was saying "Don't shoot me", or something. I really believe it, because I know my son. He wasn't a violent type. And even if he would have been drinking that would have made him that much...he would have been less violent. She said that when they shot him in the chest he fell flat and he didn't move. And they all ran up and started to kicking him and beating him with their "bullies."

VOICE: and one witness testified that they kicked him in the mouth - said he didn't even move!

REG: You said that the witness said that the police kicked him in the mouth after he was laying on the ground.

BROWN: After the shot, they proceeded to run up and start kicking him and beating him. That's when they started yelling, "Can't you see he's dead!" He had terrible bruises all about the face and...his body was as bad. My uncle works for this undertaker that we had, he wouldn't let my uncle look at the body. Now my husband, when he went to identify my son, this is another thing, they would not let him see the body. They put it on a monitor, like a television screen?

I asked the D.A. is that customary? Is that the way you identify a body. That could've been any picture back there. You would see the actual body. Why didn't they let him see the body. I wasn't able to go down there that morning.

So it's a lot of little things, so it must...for some reason, they didn't want him to get close to the body. But my husband said that his face was terrible!

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tionaries. He even accused brother David Robinson of being a Panther-- any excuse to convict him.

All of his piggish actions proved to Black people, that there is no justice for Black people in the racist courts of Babylon (America). The only way we can get justice, brothers and sisters, is to take it to the streets, to let the people be the judges and the juries. We can not let anyone keep us from our

liberation and freedom. As Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver put it "We are determined to have our manhood, or we will level the earth with our attempt to gain it".

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION!!

Black Community Information Center
Mt. Vernon, New York

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SAVE THE ILLINOIS 16

December 4th--he too stood trial for his life.

Practically all members of the Illinois 16 are persons who helped form the Illinois Chapter, who laid its foundations. They are leaders and it takes such to relieve fascism.

The State recognizes those who would change it, so it has instructed Hanrahan and the Chicago police to silence these warriors.

Thus it was with Fred in bed and now with the others in courts but there is one basic difference in Fred's murder and the planned murder of the others--TACTICS. The public was and is outraged

(too outraged for Hanrahan's comments about Fred's murder when Fred was murdered and the method employed to achieve this end. Most of us have not forgotten the blood stained mattress and the bullet holes that covered the walls because this was dramatic, open--BLOODY.

But the planned court procedure for the 16 will have to be quieter, more subdued but no less costly in terms of lives. But murder again highlights the events but the tactics used to accomplish this end are slightly different. Hand picked judge, prosecuting attor-

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Reprinted from the BLACK DWARF

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

he can be successful. We've got a hot race on our hands to deal with this situation, because you have to couple their destructive capacity with madness; and they're not going to capitulate. That's why the American revolution is so important. It's very important to speed that up at any cost. To a lot of people around the world, America is Fortress America, but to those within it's like a skeleton in armour. America is very vulnerable from within, and if enough people understand that and move on that, it may be possible to avert disaster, but if they don't then I think that Americans will take the world down the drain. In certain circles, even in the Military, you have some people who see the threat involved, and who would even be willing to challenge the government to the left. It's only a question of creating conditions where they're forced to move. But it's only by action of the people that we'll force these contradictions in these circles to come to a boiling point.

JOHN: So what would you say was the next step for you, here?

ELDRIDGE: Well for me the next step is developing the kind of machinery that can get me back into the United States in a form that I can function. Practically, the only step that I'm interested in is the war, because that's the only thing that is of any value now.

JOHN: And for the Black Panther Party?

ELDRIDGE: It's the same, we must, we must you see, we must, I'm talking about

relating to the armed struggle as a pastime or a parttime thing, I'm talking about a total situation that's the process that's beginning to develop, I mean, that process that's under way. The main obstacle right now is the courts. In my own case, I have completely offed all relationship with the American judicial system. We all know that the American judicial system is part of the apparatus of oppression, yet people are continuing to play games with that. I think that with the way the American judicial system is functioning now, it will not be too long before it will be dead for all of us. Once that happens then the war will be on in earnest.

JOHN: Do you really think that the culmination of the struggle to liberate the Blacks of the United States is the revolution?

ELDRIDGE: That's the only way we can be liberated. You see right now Blacks in the United States are going through a parallel phase to the neo-colonialism that you see in pure colonial situations. When Nixon enunciated his doctrine of Black capitalism, this was the power structure throwing in its hand on the old forms, and they began to consciously pump millions of dollars into hands of the Black bourgeoisie, and to set up certain front men in earnest. They are beginning to consciously integrate the Black bourgeoisie into the ruling class, to give them certain securities and guarantees that they require at this point. So that we're in a position now where our attack has to be upon the system as a whole.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Huey would say, "a newspaper is the voice of a party, the voice of the Panther must be heard throughout the land."

The line dividing the progressive people from the machinery of oppression is ever widening as the people begin to realize that there can no longer be a middle of the road position with regards to freedom for the people of the world; however, it has only been within the past four years that the amerikkkan people have shed their rose-colored glasses and patriotic blinders to face the reality of what their country was doing to the world's population. With the realization of the amerikkkan role came the closer examination of all the things that had really never been questioned before...the 'amerikkkan dream', the foreign policy, the treatment of minority peoples within this society, the real role of the 'police' and the press.

We found we as citizens of this country were being kept duped by the government and kept misinformed by the mass media.

In an effort to give the facts to the people, the so-called 'underground press' developed with various groups setting up newspapers and magazines with differing emphasis.

The Black Panther Party Black Community News Service was created to present factual, reliable information to the people.

The Black Panther Party has been organized to serve the needs of the people of the Black community and to educate and politicize the masses of Black people, but the Black Panther Party realizes that racism can only be eliminated by solidarity among oppressed people and the educating of all the people. It is the news and problems of Black and oppressed people in amerikkka that are dealt with in the Black Panther Party along with international news.

The Black Panther Party Black Community News Service is the alternative to the 'government ap-



July 1967--Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton (right) and Chairman, Bobby Seale (left), reading an early edition of B.P.P. Newspaper at the home of Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information B.P.P.

proved' stories presented in the mass media and the product of an effort to present the facts not stories as dictated by the oppressor, but as seen from the other end of a gun.

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neys, and jurors are the henchmen this time. The verdict and sentencing is parallel in a more judiciary manner than the murder tactics used against Fred and Mark.

So it goes that the Illinois 16, Chairman Bobby Seale, and the other brothers and sisters face a "legal murder" But it won't go

just that way if we do our part to see that those brothers and sisters get a fair trial, one that vindicates them of these fraudulent charges.

It is our task to smash this absurd repression against freedom fighters, to smash these court procedures, to stop the use of life long jail sentences, house

raids and Electric Chairs, to stop MURDER regardless of its form.

Fred often said, "You can murder a revolutionary but you cannot murder a revolution". But we say NO MORE-- NO THE ILLINOIS 16 WON'T GO!

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
BLACK PANTHER PARTY



RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatim by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader, Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

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Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



*Huey P. Newton Minister of Defense
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1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man's right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

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BRITAIN: AFTER LOSING WORLD WAR II, GREAT BRITAIN ECONOMICALLY AND IN EVERY WAY WAS IN A COMPLETE MESS. IN THE FORM OF WAR LOANS THE U.S. DECIDED TO AID BRITAIN TO HELP REBUILD HER ECONOMY. BRITAIN HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REPAY MOST OF THESE LOANS AS DURING THIS PERIOD THE COUNTRIES IN THE SO-CALLED BRITISH EMPIRE STARTED AND HAVE SINCE GAINED THEIR INDEPENDENCE, RESULTING IN BRITAIN'S SOURCE OF CHEAP RAW MATERIAL AND EXPLOITATION BEING CUT OFF. RESULT, U.S. CONTROLS OR HAS SHARES IN MOST BRITISH FIRMS AND BRITAIN DEPENDS ON U.S. FOR DEFENCE, ETC.

WEST GERMANY: AFTER WORLD WAR II, GERMANY WAS COMPLETELY MESSED UP. THE SO CALLED ALLIES, GREAT BRITAIN AND U.S., AFTER GERMANY WAS DIVIDED INTO EAST AND WEST, TOOK OVER WEST GERMANY. U.S. STARTED POURING CAPITAL INTO GERMANY AND NEARLY ALL TROOPS STATIONED IN GERMANY ARE AMERICAN AND BRITISH. ABOUT 70% OF THE MAIN GERMAN FIRMS HAVE AMERICAN CAPITAL INVESTED.

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